THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1129342

Details

Other names	CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHPORT PCC
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-04-28
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Christ Church Lord Street Southport PR8 1AA
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Email	office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk
Website	http://www.christchurchsouthport.org.uk

Activities

Objects: Promoting in the ecclesiastical parish the whole mission of the Church.

Activities: Furthered the whole mission of the Christian Church: Providing worship services, Alpha etc. Small groups. Supporting Christian individuals/Charities working in the UK and abroad. Providing clubs and activities for children, teenagers and adults including the elderly. Helping the poor and needy in our area. Providing a venue. Holidays arranged. For more details- see annual report

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£251,462	£220,222	-	-
2023-12-31	£221,147	£254,239	-	-
2022-12-31	£237,367	£246,164	-	-
2021-12-31	£236,553	£188,011	-	-
2020-12-31	£216,694	£226,534	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Beverly Middleton		2025-05-11
David Griffiths		2014-04-27
David Page		2025-05-11
ELIZABETH LACEY		
Jennifer Higham		2024-04-21
Joanna Greenfield		2024-04-21
John Sexton		2020-10-26
Katy Porter		2019-04-28
Keran Lewis		2020-10-26
Lisa Rowe		2021-05-23
Margaret King		2020-10-26
Mark Hague		2014-04-27
Martin Fairweather		2025-05-11
Philip Day		2023-04-16
Samuel Greenfield		2024-04-21
Tom McDonald		2025-05-11
Vicki Day		2025-05-11
Yvonne Makin		2025-05-11

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For the year ended 31st December 2024

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHPORT
ANNUAL REPORT for the year ended 31st December 2024

Legal and Administrative Information

Name:	Christ Church
Address:	Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside PR8 1AA
Status:	Christ Church registered charity number: 1129342
Officers:	Members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Rev. Ben Dyer	
Self-sustaining minister:	Rev. Rob Milton	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:		
	Mrs Katy Porter	Ex-officio
	Mrs Lisa Rowe	Ex-officio
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr David Griffiths	
	Mrs Margaret King	PCC Secretary
	Mr Keran Lewis	
	Mr John Sexton*	Treasurer
Elected Members:		
	Mrs Pauline Atherton (retired March 2025)	
	Mr Phil Day	
	Mrs Jo Greenfield	
	Mr Sam Greenfield	
	Mr Mark Hague*	
	Mrs Jennie Higham	
	Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*	
	Mr Andrew Lang (retired May 2024)	
	Mrs Rachel Rawcliffe	
	Mr Chris Stephen (retired March 2025)	
	Mrs Hettie Taberner	
	Mr Jim Tate	
Ex-officio:	On the PCC because of their position.	

*Trustees of Café 1821 Ltd

Professional Advisers:

Bankers:	HSBC PLC, 331 Lord Street, Southport
Independent Examiners:	OJ Grills Esq FCA, J A Fell & Co, 40 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PQ
Solicitors:	Hill Dickinson, 1 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ
Architects:	David Chapman, NJSR Chartered Architects, 57-59 Hoghton Street, Southport

Day-to-day management control of the Church is exercised by the Clergy and Wardens contactable via the church office: 01704 531756, or the Church email: office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk

Structure, Management and Governance

Christ Church Southport PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules, giving due regard to Church of England policies. The PCC is a registered charity: Number 1129342.
Related trusts: Vivesco Café (renamed Café 1821 Ltd in December 2019) operates as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (Number 1089182) with its own trustees and management group, who may be PCC members but not necessarily are.

Christ Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings complex on Lord Street, Southport, and is responsible for financial matters.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section two of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning its activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

The PCC is the body within Christ Church where policy, decision-making and accountabilities are determined. During 2024 there were six PCC meetings and one extra-ordinary PCC meeting.

The Standing Committee meets before the PCC meeting and considers and recommends actions and policy proposals, and consists of the clergy licensed to Christ Church, wardens, treasurer, PCC Secretary and two lay representatives from the PCC.

When the need arises, small groups/sub-committees may be formed to discuss a particular issue relating to church life and report to the PCC.

Statement of PCC's Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC, as trustees of the Church, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Risk Assessments

The PCC considers all the risks which face the church and has identified and addressed the following critical areas:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a busy church, the PCC takes seriously the importance of safety for all who come onto the premises.
The PCC statement of general policy is to:

- Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work/church activities.
- Provide and maintain a safe environment and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees/volunteers and when necessary, any of the above mentioned.
- Ensure all employees/volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training where appropriate.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill-health.
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions.
- Review and revise this policy as required at regular intervals.

Safety and risk management is a shared responsibility and the PCC and Wardens are grateful to all who help by being vigilant and reporting potential dangers.

First Aid: First aid kits are easily accessible and a defibrillator is on-site along the main corridor. Matthew Hyde is a trained first-aider.

Equipment: Annual, monthly and/or weekly checks are made to smoke alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire call points, the heating system and boiler with all checks being recorded. All electrical appliances are PAT tested regularly and the fire alarm system is checked regularly. The lightning conductor was last inspected in July 2022 in accordance with regulations and is due again in 2025.

Fire: An annual fire evacuation practice will be completed in 2025. The fire risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

Food Hygiene: Kitchen staff and volunteers are frequently updated regarding food hygiene and regularly attend courses.

Safety procedures: The Church's Health and Safety Policy ensures that the PCC meets the duty placed on it under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and is based on the Ecclesiastical Insurance's Health and Safety Policy template. It is reviewed annually.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Church of England Safeguarding policies were adopted by the PCC in 2024.
Emily Geering, Nicola Millington and David King stepped down from their roles in safeguarding and were replaced by Jo Greenfield as Parish Safeguarding Officer. Stella Milton remains as Safer Recruiting Officer.
All measures are in place that meet the requirements of the Liverpool Diocese.

DATA PROTECTION

Christ Church complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and treats personal information responsibly. The Christ Church Data Protection Privacy Notice can be found on the homepage of our website.
We continue to use ChurchSuite as a safe and secure way of handling the data of church members.

FINANCIAL RISK

The Treasurer gives up-to-date information on the church finances to the PCC on a bi-monthly basis. Reserves are deposited with the Central Board of Finance. All major assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC and Treasurer, supported by the administration staff, continue to review procedures to improve internal controls.

Objectives

Our vision

Giving everyone in Southport multiple opportunities to encounter Jesus

Our values

Jesus following
In the highs and the lows, we are committed to following Jesus wherever he may take us.

Relational
We want to know others and be known by others.

Kind
In a cold world we always choose kindness.

Creative
We choose to see the beauty around us. We choose to be a part of creating beauty around us.

Courageous
We are not afraid of trusting God and taking risks. We are only truly afraid of getting too comfortable.

Our targets (by Dec 2028)

1000 in social spaces

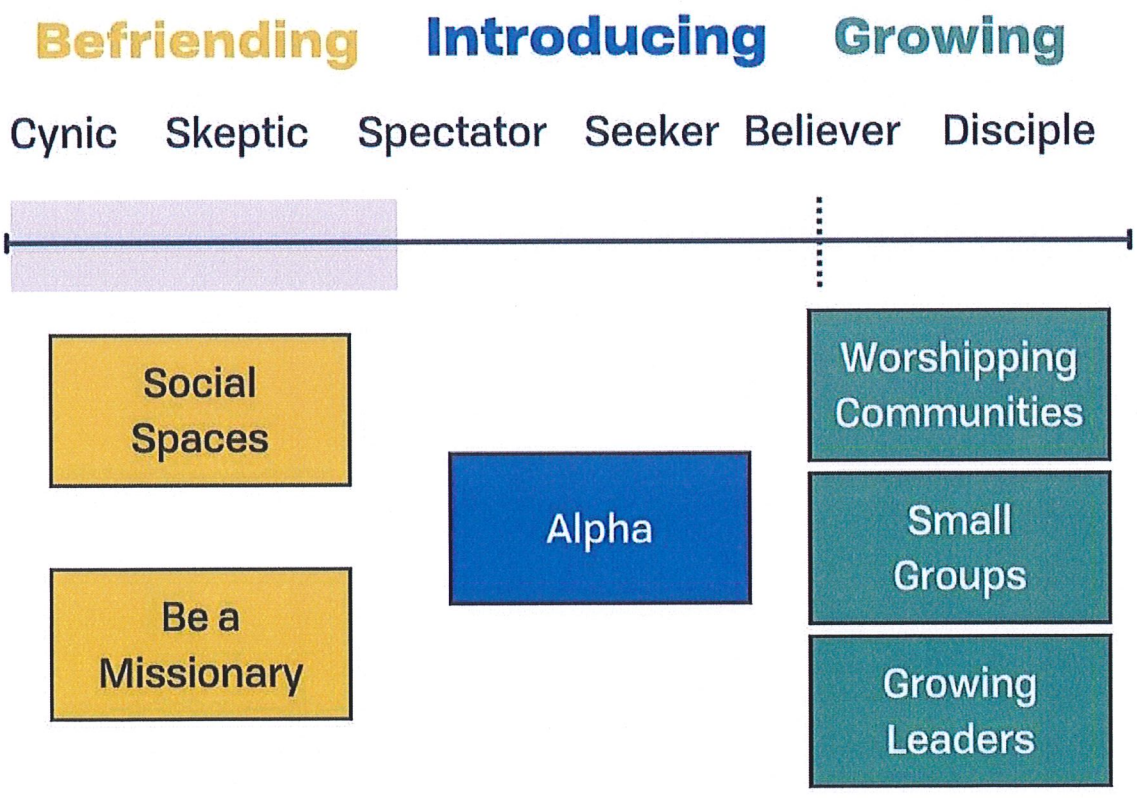
200 connected young people

100 first-time Alpha explorers

20 (reset) small groups

1 new worshipping community

Our strategy



Activities, Performance and Achievements

Clergy: Rev. Ben Dyer became vicar of Christ Church in October 2023 and continued in this role during 2024. He is supported by Rev. Rob Milton (SSM licensed to Christ Church) and Rev. Frank Hinds (licensed to Liverpool Cathedral).

Physical services – Throughout 2024, there were regularly 2 morning services on Sunday mornings, at 9.15am and 11am, with occasional joint 10.30am services.

Café Church - Café Church continued on a weekly basis until August 2024, which ran alongside the Sunday church services within the café area.

Online resources – Through the year online resources were provided, which included the livestreaming of the 11am Sunday services.

We are grateful to those who helped facilitate and support all these services in 2024, including wardens and deputy wardens who maintained the safety of people in the building, also the welcomers, communion administrators, bible readers and the PA and audio/visual/technical teams.

Attendances 2024
9.15am service average attendance: 50
11am service average attendance: 90

Special Services:
Easter Sunday attendance: 182
Carol Service attendance: 170

During the year 2024 there were no marriages, 4 funeral services, 3 baptisms and 2 adult reaffirmations of baptismal vows at Christ Church. Throughout the year there were different special services; a Holocaust Memorial service and a Time To Remember service.

Christmas Time: At Christmas time there was a SASWT Christmas service, a Carol service, a Christmas Eve service and a Christmas Day all-age service.

Electoral Roll: In 2024 the number on the Electoral Roll was 158.

Giving and Finance: The church family at Christ Church continued to give generously in 2024, raising its giving across both unrestricted and restricted (mainly Youthwork) funds by 11.1% to £194,521 including Gift Aid and Small Donations scheme tax refunds. Total expenditure fell by 15.4% to £220,222. This was due to continuing tight control of expenditure, and the fact that we did not have any major building projects in the year. We ended 2024 in surplus (for the first time since 2021), were able to pay our Parish Share to the Diocese in full, (£87,449), and continue to give 10% of our unrestricted giving to mission outside the church.

During 2024, after some movements between funds, unrestricted funds rose by £14,261. The largest component of this, the General Fund, through which all day-to-day expenditure is managed, grew by £3,909. The Youth Fund (restricted) grew by £15,436 thanks to generous giving, but this can be expected to deplete rapidly if and when our planned new Families and Children's worker and half-time Youth Worker are appointed.

Small Groups & Missional Communities:
These groups continued to play an important part in the life and ministry of Christ Church. Small Groups meet in the church building or in people's homes, for bible study and fellowship. In 2024 there were 12 Small Groups.

Prayer: Monday Evening Prayer times are held at 7pm every Monday. A new Prayer Corner was introduced in 2024 within the worship area.

Pastoral Care: A great thank you to the Pastoral Team whose work goes on behind the scenes, for helping those struggling and needing help in various ways. The team meet regularly and try to make sure people feel part of the church and follow up those who we haven't seen in a while. Each of the team members have undertaken safeguarding training.

Regular Groups: Our regular groups of Tuesday at Two, Midweek Music and Bereavement Support continued successfully in serving the community throughout 2024.

Alpha: In 2024 there were two Alpha Courses held.

Cafe 1821: The café is an important aspect of the ministry at Christ Church and as well as serving food and drink, provides an easy way in to finding out more about Christ Church and Christianity. It continues its ministry with staff and volunteers. The café is a separate legal entity from the church.

Winter Warmers and Summer Mondays: In 2022 the Winter Warmer initiative began, where the café becomes a warm space whilst offering free food and drink to anyone who comes in. This continued in 2024 throughout the summer and into the winter months, and proves successful within the local community.

Wider Church Community: Christ Church has four PCC members who attend the Deanery Synod. Clergy attend the monthly Chapter meeting which is a discussion and support group and the Ministers' fraternal which has members from all denominations.

Young People

2024 saw growth in the number of young people connected to Christ Church. Kids church (3-11) averaged 15-20 children on a Sunday while Sunday youth (11-16) numbers ranged from 4-10 young people. Over the year they looked at a range of topics, all while having fun and (in some cases) getting messy.

Friday youth continued over 2024 and averaged 30 (11-16s) every Friday during term time. Many of these youth have never had contact with church before and it has been a joy to get to know them and provide a space where they can have fun, form friendships and be safe.

During this year our children's and youth worker (Emily) stepped down and a special thank you to B, Tabz and Jo for all the work you have put into growing the work with young people in the absence of staff members during the second half of 2024. Thank you also to all the volunteers who help on a Sunday or a Friday night.

Mission Partnerships in the UK and around the World

We prayerfully and financially support the following individuals working to make a difference in God's world:

Julie Noble with Latin Link in Oruro, Bolivia - This includes prison ministry through the Angel Tree Centre programme, supporting prisoners' children and families, and the Restoring Hope programme working in Discipleship and Restorative Justice. Julie also serves on the PRADOS (drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre) board. Julie worshipped with us at CCS during her home leave this year.

Colin Jackson with Arocha in Kenya at the Mwamba Field Study Centre – As Founder & Director / Science and Conservation Director, Colin provides vision and direction for the overall conservation work of A Rocha in Kenya, leading the team in its various projects and research. This also includes education projects to enable local children to continue with Secondary School Education and helping local families to improve their standard of living through Farming God's Way.

Sarah (Anna-Lise) Beriyth based in South Africa as a full-time volunteer with Youth With A Mission since 1997. Originally our Café manager, Sarah has developed a STOP MOTION FILM using the SandBoxBible figures which can be used to walk through the Bible verse by verse in an audio-visual manner in conjunction with Wycliffe Bible

translators input to spread the Gospel around the world in different languages. Sarah has written books to equip evangelists and regularly goes on mission trips especially to Asia.

Tabz and Hettie Taberner with Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT) based locally serving children, teenagers and their schools for over two decades with an ever-growing vision to provide safe spaces to explore the big issues of life and faith. SASWT partners with schools, youth clubs, churches and other organisations to make a lasting difference in the lives of local young people – unleashing purpose, building resilience, and bringing hope for the future. There is also an opportunity for us to practically support their work by helping with presentations in schools.

Jack Lovegrove from CCS is being supported by our church as he undertakes a one-year Youth Worker training course organised by New Wine in Sheffield. Jack grew up in CCS and has been enthusiastic about encouraging children and young people on their faith journey.

CCS opens its building to offer support to other organisations including hosting a monthly **Community Market for Compassion Acts** - whose goal is to address the root causes of poverty through a holistic and personalised approach, striving to alleviate its impact and create lasting change.

Winter Warmers - During the winter months on a Monday, the Café was open and volunteers offered a warm space with free refreshments to our community.

Administration

Church Staff: During 2024 Matthew Hyde continued his role as administrator alongside his other duties on the finance team and as Buildings Manager.

Emily Geering stepped down from her role as Children's and Youth Worker.

Our 'staff' is far wider than those who are employed by the church or who are in a leadership role. We rely on the generous service of all those who serve voluntarily, and indeed, we could not function without them.
A big thank you goes to all who use their gifts and talents at Christ Church in order to serve Jesus.

Church Buildings and Fabric: Matthew Hyde continued in his role as Buildings Manager, overseeing the running and maintenance of the building.

We are very grateful to Dave Griffiths, who is part of our Warden Team. He monitors the fabric of the building and because of this the building has been kept well-maintained with his due diligence.
Dave also takes responsibility for writing and updating the necessary risk assessments and Health & Safety policy to ensure that all those who come into the building are kept safe.

Financial Review

With rising giving in 2024, and without the major works of 2022 (new boiler) and 2023 (new flat roof), and with like-for-like expenditure rising by only 1.1%, the overall accounts moved into surplus for the first time in three years. Unrestricted funds, restricted funds, and endowment funds were all in surplus at year end. Surpluses go into reserves which enable ministry development, or meeting unexpected costs (or falls in giving) in future years.

We are blessed at Christ Church with so many who give generously not only from their finances, but also of their volunteered time as they serve in administration and safeguarding, clean and maintain our building, and many different ministries. We thank all who faithfully give in so many ways. The amount is less important than the heart. 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 says,
The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (ESV).

The PCC has approved the recruitment of a post to reach out to families and children, and half of a joint youth post with the Schools Worker Trust. Prayer is needed both that the right applicants can be found to fill these posts to give more people multiple opportunities to meet Jesus, and also that giving can be generated to sustain these workers as they evangelise into a society and generations who know so little of Him. We will need to raise about £30,000 annually if the Youth Fund is not to require subsidy from the main accounts.

The finances of the church have been simplified over the last eighteen months with fewer bank accounts, funds, and a new accounting system which we hope will simplify preparing our annual accounts. The Treasurer is always available to answer any questions about giving or what we spend your giving on.

Members may wish to consider making a legacy to Christ Church in their wills to bless a future generation. We would also encourage more givers to switch to paying through the national CofE "Parish Giving Scheme" which saves a lot of work in the office weekly and again at year end – flyers are on the table in Church.

Looking Forward

This year has been a difficult year for our town. The events of the summer shocked us all and this town was (and still is) grieving the loss of lives and innocence. The events of those days ripple into the future and building bridges is just as necessary now as it was in the aftermath of those tragic events. This church holds a unique role in Southport of being in its centre and involved in various civic events. We have an opportunity and a responsibility to shape the future of this town for the good of all and point to the light that dwells within the darkness.

In 2024 Christ Church spent time listening to God and discerning where he wanted to take this church. This resulted in our new vision that was launched in autumn. We feel called by God to give everyone in Southport multiple opportunities to encounter Jesus. This calling has begun to shape church life but will continue to shape the direction of travel of Christ Church for many years to come.

Before the summer of 2024, we did a series at Christ Church based on John Ortberg's book "If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat". In this series, we explored the need to be courageous and trust God. Change is difficult, but to follow God, change will always be necessary and that is true for this church as it is for any other.

One of the joys since I arrived at Christ Church is seeing more young people connect with us. This year we intend to employ new staff to help with this wonderful work. Pray that we find the right people.

In the autumn we also spoke about our 5 values or characteristics that we pray will shape our future: Jesus following, relational, kind, creative, and courageous. My prayer is that these will be more than words on a wall, but these qualities will go deep within this community. Not just so we can enjoy being in a community marked by these traits, but so that our town can be changed by a community of people who are determined to be Jesus following, relational, kind, creative and courageous.

Signed on behalf of the PCC



(Rev) Ben Dyer (Chairman)

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Southport on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out on pages 12 to 23 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and it considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect: the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

  have not been met, nor

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.

Date: 28/3/2025

OJ Grills Esq FCA
J A Fell & Co
40 Houghton Street
Southport
PR9 0PQ

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Southport

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	164,038	30,483	-	194,521	175,032
Other trading activities	2(b)	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	2(c)	5,768	700	1,923	8,391	5,059
Charitable activities	2(d)	48,550	-	-	48,550	41,056
Total income and endowments		218,356	31,183	1,923	251,462	221,147
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Grants made in furtherance of PCC's objectives	3(a)	15,800	4,706	-	20,506	21,947
Activities directly relating to work of the Church	3(b)	182,145	11,671	-	193,816	232,292
Other costs	3(c)	5,900	-	-	5,900	-
Total expenditure		203,845	16,377	-	220,222	254,239
Gains on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5(b)	-	-	-	-	1,777
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	-	-	-	1,777
Net income/(expenditure)	13	14,511	14,806	1,923	31,240	(31,315)
Total funds brought forward		135,851	15,215	40,160	191,226	222,541
Transfer of funds in the year		(250)	250	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		**150,112**	**30,271**	**42,083**	**222,466**	**191,226**

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Southport

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2024	TOTAL 2023
		£		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5(a)	432	2,995	-	3,427	4,643
Investment	5(b)	-	-	31,815	31,815	32,840
		432	2,995	31,815	35,242	37,483
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	25,681	4,489	494	30,664	32,101
Cash at bank and in hand		128,310	22,787	9,774	160,871	127,786
		153,991	27,276	10,268	191,535	159,887
LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,311)	-	-	(4,311)	(6,144)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		149,680	27,276	10,268	187,224	153,743
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	150,112	30,271	42,083	222,466	191,226
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted	10	150,112	-	-	150,112	135,851
Restricted	11	-	30,271	-	30,271	15,215
Endowment	12	-	-	42,083	42,083	40,160
		150,112	30,271	42,083	222,466	191,226

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

B. Dyer

Rev Ben Dyer
Vicar/Chairman

J Sexton

Mr John Sexton
PCC Treasurer

Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Southport

Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accouning year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c)of the Charities Act 2011 .

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings
At its meeting on 22nd January 2013 the PCC agreed to take out of Fixed Assets the value at cost of the original hall complex and the hall extension (£150,000). Since the redevelopment of the Church in 1995 the Hall Complex is an integral part of the Church building and therefore is not deemed to be an asset which the PCC could dispose of. The property is considered to be excluded from the accounts by virtue of Section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Charitable Activities
1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings, office equipment and Piano
Equipment and fixture and fittings used within the church complex are written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straightline basis over the number years set out below:

	Years
Catering equipment	10
Printers	5
Video camera, TV, computers etc.	5
Piano	10

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

1.6 Reserves

The PCC is encouraged to hold reserves to meet regular anticipated expenses for three months unrestricted expenditure which would amount to £50,961.
At present the unrestricted net curent assets stand at £149,680.This is more than enough to cover our usual three months unrestricted expenditure.

The PCC considers the following risks may affect the continuing ministry of the church:

> Operational related to the church buildings.
> Statutory and legal relating to Protection for All, Health and Safety, and Charities Act governance.
> Financial relating to reductions in income or excessive expenditure.
> Reputation from adverse publicity.

Steps are in place to minimise these risks by specific volunteers monitoring the buildings and the statutory responsibilities. The PCC prepares an annual budget and monitors and reviews the financial performance as well as operational and statutory matters at its regular meetings.

1.8 Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
2(a)	**Donations and legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aided donations	102,778	10,754	-	113,532	104,543
	Tax recoverable	25,800	2,688	-	28,488	26,456
	Other	13,260	840	-	14,100	13,848
	Collections (loose cash)	13,345	-	-	13,345	11,846
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	2,438	-	-	2,438	1,562
	Donations, appeals etc	6,417	13,201	-	19,618	11,244
	Grant	-	3,000	-	3,000	5,533
	Legacies	-	-		0	-
		164,038	30,483	-	194,521	175,032
2(b)	**Other trading activities**					
	Fund raising	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	0	0
2(c)	**Investments**					
	Investment income				0	1059
	Bank interest	5,768	700	1,923	8,391	4000
		5,768	700	1,923	8,391	5,059
2(d)	**Charitable Activities**					
	Letting income from premises	16,807	-	-	16,807	15,230
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	1,140	-	-	1,140	518
	Printing etc	174	-	-	174	171
	Events and catering	4,150	-	-	4,150	3,993
	Tuesday at Two	15,341	-	-	15,341	14,069
	Children and Youth	366	-	-	366	0
	Mid Week Music	10,572	-	-	10,572	6,863
	Discretionary	-	-	-	-	0
	Miscellaneous		-	-	0	212
		48,550	-	-	48,550	41,056
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	218,356	31,183	1,923	251,462	221,147

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
	Charitable Activities					
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas:					
	A Rocha	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,750
	CMS	-	-	-	0	2,375
	Latin Link	3,000	-	-	3,000	2,750
	Bolivia(Angel Tree Project)	-	2,500	-	2,500	1,428
	Lynn Treneary	-	-	-	0	200
	Christ the King Nursery SchoolMaridi	-	-	-	0	500
	Colin and Roni Jackson	400	-	-	400	500
	Julie Noble	700	250	-	950	1,050
	SA Breedt	3,150	1,500	-	4,650	4,250
	TEAR Fund (Ukraine appeal)	-	-	-	0	2
	Red Cross (Ukraine)	-	43	-	43	0
	Samaritans Purse	-	-	-	0	85
	Home Missions					
	Evangelical Alliance	250	-	-	250	220
	Schools Worker Trust	4,900	-	-	4,900	2,750
	Schools Worker	400	-	-	400	500
	New Wine Apprentice	250	413	-	663	0
	Compassion Acts/Light for Life	-	-	-	0	1,767
	Salvation Army	-	-	-	-	320
	Lancaster University CU	-	-	-	0	500
		15,800	4,706	0	20,506	21,947

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2024 £	TOTAL 2023 £
3(b)	Ministry:					
	Diocesan Parish Share	87,499		-	87,499	87,498
	Clergy expenses	1,329		-	1,329	83
	Clergy housing	5,393		-	5,393	4,217
	Youth Worker Costs	-	10,671	-	10,671	18,027
	Property costs:					
	Church and halls					
	Electric, gas and water	18,510		-	18,510	17,911
	Insurance	5,981		-	5,981	5,156
	Repairs renewals and cleaning	6,898		-	6,898	7,401
	Hall Roof	-		-	0	33800
	Depreciation church equipment	216	1,000	-	1,216	1,753
	Upkeep of services					
	Communion wine, glasses, palm crosses,	295		-	295	214
	Equipment			-		
	Small items of furniture and equipment	437		-	437	1,280
	Books, Teaching materials,Resources	1,727		-	1,727	1,387
	Other activities					
	Events and catering	3,619		-	3,619	4,034
	First Aid training	422		-	422	0
	Mid Week Music	4,478		-	4,478	2,704
	Tuesday at Two costs	9,809		-	9,809	8,996
	Youth activities costs	826		-	826	1,673
	Sundries	2,058		-	2,058	2,181
	Support Costs					
	Salaries and Wages	25,940		-	25,940	25,136
	Printing, Stationery, general office expenses	1,686		-	1,686	1,876
	Postage and telephones	1,705		-	1,705	1,714
	Website/Social Media	510		-	510	338
	Church Suite	726		-	726	726
	Bank Charges	454		-	454	520
	Appointment of New Vicar	-		-	0	1,900
	Governance					
	Administration	550		-	550	520
	Independent Examination	1,060		-	1,060	1,230
	Generation of voluntary income					
	Cost of appeals etc	17		-	17	17
		182,145	11,671	-	193,816	232,292
3(c)	Other Costs					
	Ex Gratia Payments etc	5,900		-	5,900	-
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	203,845	16,377	0	220,222	254,239

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4 STAFF COSTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
4(a)	Wages and Salaries	26,699	10,361	37,060	43,219
	National Insurance Costs	-	-		-
	Pensions	770	311	1,081	1,271
	Ex Gratia payment Youth Worker	5,900	-	5,900	-
		33,369	10,672	44,041	44,490

In 2024 the PCC employed a Buildings Manager/Office Administrator who did not earn £60,000 or more. The PCC also paid for a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager for an hour a week

The PCC employed a full time Youth and Childrens Worker who left our employment on 15th June 2024. In addition to 5 weeks pay in lieu of notice, included in salary costs see note 3(b) and 4(a), she received an ex gratia payment of £5,000 and was reimbursed legal costs of £900. See notes 3(c) and 4(a)

At the end of the year the employees equated to 1 full time equivalent.
Within unrestricted staff costs is a figure of £1,030 in respect of the cleaning assistant. The expenditure is shown under repairs and cleaning. See note 3(b) to the accounts.

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Lovegrove was a PCC member until April 2024 and is employed as a cafe manager by Café 1821 Ltd.
Mrs E Lacey is a PCC member and also acts as a Trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
Mrs H Taberner was employed as a schools worker by the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust until 31.12.24.
They do not receive any personal benefit.

4(c) Café 1821 Ltd

There is a a formal agreement between the PCC and Café 1821 Ltd.
The Café are required to contribute £6,000 per year together with thier share of utility costs.
This is shown within letting income from premises see note 2(d) (£10,717)
The Cafe operates to further the Charitable objectives and mission of the Church.

Mr Mark Hague, Mrs Elizabeth Lacey and Mr John Sexton are PCC members and continue as Directors of Café 1821 Ltd.
They do not receive any remuneration or financial benefit for being Directors.

4(d) OTHER PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no other disclosable transactions with PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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5 FIXED ASSETS

	Land & Buildings	Church Equipment Unrestricted	Church Equipment Restricted	Total
5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2024	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2024	-	87,580	7,250	94,830
Charge for the year	-	216	1,000	1,216
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	-	87,796	8,250	96,046
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2024	-	432	2,995	3,427
At 31 December 2023	-	648	3,995	4,643

Freehold land and buildings
The value of the original hall complex and extension has been taken out of Fixed Assets
See note 1.4.2

5(b) Investments - (all endowment funds)

At the end of 2023 the M Woodcock Trust Fund, specifically for the work of CMS, was cashed in and the monies paid to CMS

At the end of 2023 the shares and CBF Deposit Fund held in the F E Jones fund were sold and the monies transferred to a bank account with the CCLA. The capital value remains at £31,815 and is shown as an investment. The balance of the fund is interest earned which can be used for evangelical purposes.

There was no change in capital value duirng the year.

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6 CHURCH INSURANCE VALUATION

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in May 2022.
The Church buildings and contents are insured with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office within a loss limit of £9,980,000.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Fixed assets for church use	432	2,995	-	3,427	4,643
Investment fixed assets	-	-	31,815	31,815	32,840
Current Assets	153,991	27,276	10,268	191,535	159,887
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due in one year	(4,311)	-	-	(4,311)	(6,144)
Fund balance	150,112	30,271	42,083	222,466	191,226

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income Tax recoverable	20,661	4,489	-	25,150	28,497
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	2,239	-	494	2,733	2,284
Other Debtors	2,781	-	-	2,781	1,320
	25,681	4,489	494	30,664	32,101

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Accruals and Deferred Income	(4,311)	-	-	(4,311)	(6,144)
	(4,311)	0	0	(4,311)	(6,144)

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10 UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED FUNDS

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:

	2024	2023
	£	£
General Fund	119,757	115,848
Ministry Fund	10,122	9,672
Community and Overseas Mission	7,001	6,148
Fabric Reserve	13,232	4,183
	150,112	135,851

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprised the following:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Youth Ministry Fund	26,156	10,720
* Support for Mission	-	-
Donations/Equipment	4,115	4,495
	30,271	15,215

* Includes support for Angel Tree Project in Bolivia.

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The closing balance of the Endowment Funds comprised the following:

	2024	2023
	£	£
FE Jones Missionary Account	42,083	40,160
	42,083	40,160

The Frances Emily Jones Missionary Fund was established under a deed dated 27 October 1958 . The income is to be used for the purpose of Evangelical missions.

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13 **FUND DETAILS**

The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus /(deficit) for the year are as follows :

		2024 £ Surplus/(Deficit)	2023 £ Surplus/(Deficit)
Unrestricted	General account	13,763	4,465
	Community and Overseas Mission	250	(500)
	Ministry Account	450	0
	Fabric Reserve	48	0
	Legacy Fund	0	(33,800)
		14,511	(29,835)
Restricted			
	Youth Ministry	15,436	18
	Mission Giving	0	(1,768)
	Equipment/Donations	-630	(1,267)
		14,806	(3,017)
Endowment	F E Jones Missionary Fund	1,923	2,643
	Mary Woodcock Trust	0	(1,306)
	Thomas Henry Cross Trust	0	5
	Linen /Sunday School Trust-Fabric	0	167
	Churchyard Trust	0	28
		1,923	1,537
Total		31,240	(31,315)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTH

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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHPORT
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Name:	Christ Church,
Address:	Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside PR8 1AA
Status:	Christ Church registered charity number: 1129342
Officers:	Members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Rev Ben Dyer	(from 1st October 2023.)
Self-sustaining minister	Rev. Rob Milton	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:		
	Mrs Katy Porter	Ex-officio
	Mrs Angie Lewis	Vice-Chair Ex-officio
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr David Griffiths	
	Mrs Margaret King	PCC Secretary
	Mr Keran Lewis	
	Mr John Sexton*	Treasurer

Elected Members:

Mr Phil Day
Mr Mark Hague*
Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*
Mr Andrew Lang
Mrs Jan Lovegrove
Mrs Nicola Millington - resigned during the year
Miss Lucy Porter - co-opted to help with Parish profile
Mrs Rachel Rawcliffe
Mrs Lisa Rowe
Mr Chris Stephen
Mrs Hettie Taberner
Mr Jim Tate
Mr Steven Taylor

Co-opted Members	Mrs Emily Geering
	Rev. Frank Hinds
Ex-officio:	On the PCC because of their position.
Co-opted:	PCC members by invitation of the PCC.

*Trustees of Café 1821 Ltd

Professional Advisers:

Bankers:	HSBC PLC, 331 Lord Street, Southport
Independent Examiners:	OJ Grills Esq FCA J A Fell & Co 40 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PQ

Solicitors:	Hill Dickinson, 1 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ
Architects:	David Chapman, NJSR Chartered Architects 57-59 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PG

Day-to-day management control of the Church is exercised by the Clergy and Wardens contactable via the church office: 01704 531756, or the Church email: office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Christ Church Southport PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a registered charity: Number 1129342.
Related trusts: Vivesco Café (renamed Café 1821 Ltd in December 2019) operates as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (Number 1089182) with its own trustees and management group, who may be PCC members but not necessarily are.

Christ Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings complex on Lord Street, Southport, and is responsible for financial matters.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section two of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning its activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

The PCC is the body within Christ Church where policy, decision-making and accountabilities are determined. During 2023 there were the usual 6 PCC meetings.

The Standing Committee meets before the PCC meeting and considers and recommends actions and policy proposals, and consists of the clergy licensed to Christ Church, wardens, treasurer, PCC Secretary and two lay representatives from the PCC.

When the need arises, small groups/sub-committees may be formed to discuss a particular issue relating to church life and report to the PCC.

STATEMENT OF PCC'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC, as trustees of the Church, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The PCC has considered all the risks which face the church and has identified and addressed the following critical areas:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a busy church, the PCC takes seriously the importance of safety for all who come onto the premises.
The PCC statement of general policy is to:

- Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work/church activities.

- Provide and maintain a safe environment and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees/volunteers and when necessary, any of the above mentioned.
- Ensure all employees/volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training where appropriate.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill-health.
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions.
- Review and revise this policy as required at regular intervals.

Safety and risk management is a shared responsibility and the PCC and Wardens are grateful to all who help by being vigilant and reporting potential dangers.

First Aid: First aid kits are easily accessible and a defibrillator is on-site along the main corridor. Matthew Hyde and Emily Geering are both trained first-aiders.

Equipment: Annual, monthly and/or weekly checks are made to smoke alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire call points, the heating system and boiler with all checks being recorded. All electrical appliances are PAT tested regularly and the fire alarm system is checked regularly. The lightning conductor was last inspected in July 2022 in accordance with regulations.

Fire: An annual fire evacuation practice will be completed in 2024. The fire risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

Food Hygiene: Kitchen staff and volunteers are frequently updated regarding food hygiene and regularly attend courses.

Safety procedures: The Church's Health and Safety Policy ensures that the PCC meets the duty placed on it under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and is based on the Ecclesiastical Insurance's Health and Safety Policy template. It is reviewed annually.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Church of England Safeguarding policies were adopted by the PCC in 2023. Emily Geering was appointed Parish Safeguarding Officer, Nicola Millington as Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer and Stella Milton was appointed Safe Recruitment Officer. David King was appointed to the team during the year to assist with Vulnerable Adults.

All measures are in place that meet the requirements of the Liverpool Diocese. We are grateful to the safeguarding team for their hard work in making sure CCS complies with the requirements.

DATA PROTECTION

Christ Church complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and treats personal information responsibly. The Christ Church Data Protection Privacy Notice can be found on the homepage of our website.
We continue to use ChurchSuite as a safe and secure way of handling the data of church members.

FINANCIAL RISK

The treasurer gives up-to-date information on the church finances to the PCC on a bi-monthly basis. Reserves are deposited with the Central Board of Finance. All major assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC and Treasurer, supported by the administration staff, continued to review procedures to improve internal controls.

OBJECTIVES

OUR VISION

We are a church at the heart of Southport, with a heart for Southport.

Our desire is to play our part in giving the people of Southport a hope filled future. We want to work with others in building effective bridges between church and community: to foster relationships with people of different generations, cultures and backgrounds -whether they have some religious faith or none. Our vision is that we might impact Southport with God's unconditional love and transforming power.

We believe the church should take seriously the command of Jesus to love God, and love our neighbours. In order to be effective in this, we will focus on the following:

GROWING PEOPLE
We want to be a church that encourages everyone to grow in their faith. We will do this by: providing accessible ways to help people accept the truth of the gospel and become more like Jesus; helping people find their own unique way of serving God; and encouraging people to make a difference, especially in our town.

BUILDING COMMUNIITY
We want to be a church that serves the people of our town by meeting specific needs so that lives are transformed. We will be a church where every member is equipped to serve and has confidence to share the gospel in an attractive and relevant way.

CHANGING LIVES
We want to be a church family which is characterised by relationships that are genuine, loving and transparent; where all people feel they can belong. We will work on developing our ministries with young people, families and people of different nationalities in order to be a better representation of our town.

SEEKING THE POWER OF GOD
Through Bible based ministry and commitment to prayer, we want to be a church that sees the supernatural power of God at work amongst us. We will be intentional about seeking healing, hearing God and equipping our members with the understanding and skills to allow them to move in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BEING RELEVANT
We want to be a church that understands the reality of life for the people of our town: their hopes, fears, ambitions and challenges. We want to be continually relevant despite a rapidly changing context. So, we will be a church that seeks to observe and reflect on the community around us. We will not be afraid of change and be willing to adapt in order that we can better serve the present generation.

ACTIVITIES, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Clergy: Christ Church was in interregnum in 2023 until 1st October when Reverend Ben Dyer was inducted as Vicar. During the interregnum, from August 2022 to October 2023, the Church Wardens, Angie Lewis and Katy Porter were responsible for the spiritual and practical day to day running of the church assisted by the PCC, our Administrator Matthew Hyde and an excellent team of gifted members who were able to help with preaching, pastoral and practical tasks. The team included our SSM minister Reverend Rob Milton and Rev Frank Hinds, both of whom presided our communion services.

SERVICES

Physical services – Throughout 2023, there were regularly 2 morning services on Sunday mornings, at 9.15am and 11am, with occasional joint 10.30am services.

Café Church - Café Church continues on a weekly basis, which runs alongside the Sunday church services within the café area and invites people in for free coffee and a chat. The Café Church team also help support other events throughout the year with fellowship and refreshments.

Online resources – Through the year we continued to provide online resources, which included the livestreaming of the 11am Sunday services.

We are grateful to those who helped facilitate and support these services in 2023, including wardens and deputy wardens who maintained the safety of people in the building, also the welcomers, communion administrators, bible readers and the PA and audio/visual/technical teams.

Attendances 2023
9.15am service average attendance: 48
11am service average attendance: 84

Special Services:
Easter Sunday attendance: 181
Carol Service attendance: 190

During the year 2023 there were no marriages, 2 funeral services, 2 infant baptisms, 3 adult baptisms and 3 adult reaffirmations of baptismal vows at Christ Church. Throughout the year there were different special services; Holocaust Memorial service, a New Wine Celebration service, and a Time To Remember service.

Christmas Time: At Christmas time there was a SASWT Christmas service, a Carol service, a Christmas Eve service and a Christmas Day all-age service.

Electoral Roll: In 2023 the number on the Electoral Roll was 150.
Those who join the Electoral Roll are encouraged to read a 'Membership Resolve' expressing commitment to Christ Church by: 'Protecting its unity, sharing responsibility, serving its ministry and supporting its witness'.

Giving and Finance: The church family at Christ Church continued to give generously in 2023, although some givers were lost during the year. A total of £169,499 including gift aid recovered was given during the year, including £11,244 from one-off donations. The Church also received grants of £5,533. With tight control of expenditure, even with the large increase in energy bills, the general housekeeping account showed a surplus of £4,465 at the end of 2023. We continue to meet all our financial commitments including the Diocese of Liverpool's "Parish Share" (£87,498) which supports the mission of the church in our deanery, and our mission giving (£21,947) consisting of 10% of all unrestricted giving plus extra gifts from church members.

Small Groups & Missional Communities:
These groups continued to play an important part in the life and ministry of Christ Church. Small Groups meet in the church building or in people's homes, for bible study and fellowship. Missional Communities meet for study and fellowship with the intention of focusing outwardly to the wider community. In 2023 there were 12 Small Groups and Missional Communities.

Prayer: There were various prayer events throughout 2023, including the start of Monday Evening Prayer times, held at 7pm every Monday.

Pastoral Care: A great thank you to the Pastoral Team whose work goes on behind the scenes, for helping those struggling and needing help in various ways. The team meet regularly and try to make sure people feel part of the church and follow up those who we haven't seen in a while. Each of the team members have undertaken safeguarding training.

Regular Groups: Our regular groups of Tuesday at Two, Midweek Music and Bereavement Support continued successfully in serving the community throughout 2023.

Alpha: In 2023 there was one Alpha Course held.

Cafe 1821: The café is an important aspect of the ministry at Christ Church and as well as serving food and drink, provides an easy way in to finding out more about Christ Church and Christianity. It continues its ministry with staff and volunteers. The café is a separate legal entity from the church.

Winter Warmers and Summer Mondays: In 2022 the Winter Warmer initiative began, where the café becomes a warm space whilst offering free food and drink to anyone who comes in. This continued in 2023 throughout the summer and into the winter months, and proves successful within the local community.

Wider Church Community: Christ Church has four PCC members who attend the Deanery Synod. Clergy attend the monthly Chapter meeting which is a discussion and support group and the Ministers fraternal which has members from all denominations.

YOUTH, KIDS' AND MINIS' WORK

Christ Church Kids (4 -11s) and Minis (under 4s) continued throughout 2023 with Emily Geering, our Children's and Youth Worker, and the amazing team of volunteers. Numbers grew significantly in the autumn and more volunteers meant we were able to split the children into two age groups, 4-6 years old and 7–11year-olds, for part of the Sunday morning session. Using games, songs, videos and bible teaching, the wonderful news of God's love for us and what it means to follow Jesus is shared with them. At Easter there was an event with craft and the video 'The Rock that Rolled'. Family services in August looked at four aspects of Peter- the All or Nothing Guy.

At an evening called Operation Shine the children and helpers packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. By autumn the Sunday Youth group was able to meet every week instead of fortnightly, thanks to more volunteers stepping up to help in this ministry.

In addition, from autumn we were able to offer a Friday Youth Club every week. In October after prayer, planning and an increased team the Friday Night Hangout was launched as a weekly event. It is held every Friday 7pm - 8.30pm for High School aged young people. The Café 1821, church foyer and hall are transformed into a youth club with welcome desk, tuck shop, board games, question of the week, table tennis, computer games, football and dodgeball. Each week we have an amazing and lively time. In only a few weeks we had steady growth from an initial 3 young people to 17 at our Christmas Party Special. We have at least one person from each of the main high schools and a great mix of church and non-church contacts. The team are really excited about what God will do through this ministry in the future.

At Christmas we enjoyed a bring and share lunch Christmas party with games, after the SASWT brilliant performance 'Nativity and Beyond' produced by Tabz. Also, as Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday the children enjoyed another party in Kids Church during the service.

God has been so good hearing the cry of our hearts, and we are delighted to see such amazing growth in this work. We give grateful thanks to Emily and all the team for their involvement with these vital ministries to our Children and Youth on Fridays and Sundays.

MISSION IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

We are proud to continue to support the following organizations and mission partners through prayer, finance and sometimes practical help.

A Rocha, Watamu, Kenya – We support Colin Jackson (his wife Roni and son Kai) based at the Mwamba Field Study Centre. A Rocha is a global family of conservation organizations working together, in response to the worldwide crisis of biodiversity loss, to carry out community-based conservation projects. Colin is national director for A Rocha, Kenya and is an authority on bird migration and the need for conservation of habitats for endangered species. Colin is involved in regular surveys on endangered species and threatened habitats to better understand and therefore protect them. There is also a Marine Research programme in Watamu Marine National Park to understand the current impact on marine biodiversity. Farming God's Way is an initiative started by A Rocha in 2014 to counter poor farming practices which lead to reduced yields. It is based on biblical principles, proper management, and appropriate technologies to take care of God's beautiful land and creation instead of using destructive methods like slash and burn farming, poaching and the threat of charcoal burning in the Dakatcha woodlands. A Rocha encourages appreciation of nature and participation in its conservation, through environmental education and community outreach to implement practical conservation initiatives by working with schools, environmental groups, communities and churches. The existing programme has involved up to 56 primary and secondary schools around Arabuko-Sokoke Forest and Mida Creek but currently focusses intensive work on ten. A Rocha Kenya enjoys a good working relationship with the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya and activities are mostly done with the Wildlife Clubs in schools and have included guided field trips, puppet theatres, slide and video shows, art and writing competitions, games, debates, conservation festivals, tree planting, litter clean-ups, newsletters and trips to National Parks. The environmental education programme is currently being expanded to also include adult education. This will focus on ways of using local materials, resources and alternative technologies to improve local people's quality of life in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. A Rocha work with families to help them understand the benefits of conservation alongside helping children with the cost of secondary education to improve their prospects for employment in life.
More information at https://www.arocha.or.ke/

Church Mission Society, South Sudan – Revd. Lynn Treneary returned to the UK in 2022 on sick leave. In June 2023 she officially left CMS as a paid worker but continues her association as a volunteer. Lynn has a passion to enable the people in Maridi diocese to have clean water available. During her time there she saw many taken ill after drinking the only available water and is now researching how to provide pipes to bring potable water to the surface. CCS no longer supports Lynn financially but has kept in touch with her.

Latin Link, Bolivia (LL) – Julie Noble came back to the UK on home leave in April for six months. She visited LL headquarters, did a round the UK tour to various supporting churches giving talks on her work in Bolivia and had routine health checks whilst at home. Julie spoke to us at CCS, attended a house group and several social events in Southport as well as spending time with her family and friends around the UK. Whilst she was away there were several problems with the organisations in Oruro which Julie had to address on her return. The Angel Tree project has suffered from lack of funds and greatly appreciated the donation of tips from Café 1821 to help purchase equipment and benefit the children. Thirty or more children are once again benefitting from help with homework, hot meals, clothing, counselling and somewhere safe to be before or after school. There was no camp for the children this year but the team continue to visit the Prison, Young Offenders Centre and Probation Centre. Due to overcrowding in the prison, there are still many problems and difficulties to overcome. The weakness of the £pound means that donations to the ministries in Bolivia have decreased in value which is a challenge as prices are still rising locally.
More information is at https://www.latinlink.org.uk/

Youth with a Mission (YWAM), South Africa – Sarah Beriyth is passionate about sharing the Good News of the Gospel with unreached people, which she estimates at 2 billion people worldwide. Sarah is based in her home country in Stilbaai, South Africa and her books reach around the world including South America, Europe, Middle East, and all over Africa. Her SandboxBible and related videos are being used to reach Muslim communities especially in the Middle East. It has also moved to be a Ricebox Bible in some Asian countries. Sarah (Anna-Lise) once lived in Southport and worked in Christ Church café when it was Vivesco. She now lives by faith and during the year visited Thailand and Nepal visually bringing the Bible to life through her invention to communicate in other languages. Sarah explains that "one day something triggered the idea to make a STOP MOTION FILM using the SandBoxBible figures that I have developed since 2018. I saw the potential of walking through the Bible verse by verse in an audio-visual manner. There is simply no way a person can read the most amazing letter to the Hebrews and understand it fully. Not understanding Jesus concealed in the old, implies you cannot understand Jesus revealed in the New Testament to the extent HE INTENDED for us to do."
See www.sandboxbible.com

Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT) – Tabz and Hettie Taberner work with a team of volunteers and continue to provide a valuable contact for children and young people in schools, some of whom have found the disruption of online learning during the pandemic has adversely affected their mental health. Their presence is much appreciated by both pupils and staff in the schools where they visit. CCS are pleased to continue their support for SASWT. SASWT presentations have also been performed for us at CCS.
For details of the charity see https://saswtrust.com/ and learn more of how the team help children in our area.

Compassion Acts (CA) continues in partnership with CCS to provide a monthly Community Food Market for invited clients on the CA programme. Unfortunately, there is still a need to provide help to families and individuals struggling in our current financial crisis and the market is one of the follow on steps in the programme run by CA to enable clients to manage financially. The Community Market at CCS offers a wide range of items from tinned food to shower gel, rice to breakfast cereal. Although we cannot offer everything, the prices are considerably reduced and there is a warm welcome with tea/ coffee and biscuits and an opportunity for a chat.
CCS collected donations of food at the annual Harvest Service and has a collection point for donations of non-perishable food in the welcome area for CA to distribute. We provide many of the volunteers for the monthly market as well as a storage facility for the food offered at the market. Currently there are around 32 clients attending each month and at Christmas we were able to distribute up to three free presents for each family from donations received by CA.

Ukrainian Language and Culture – also in partnership with Compassion Acts, Christ Church was a venue for a weekly group meeting for the Ukrainian community, offering help and advice on settling into new surroundings. This ceased during the year when it was no longer necessary.
More information on all the help on offer through CA at https://compassionacts.uk

CCS prayerfully supported one of our members on her regular mission trip to the Azores to encourage and support Christian churches and groups in this Portuguese community.
Samaritan's Purse used CCS as a collection point again in 2023 for Operation Christmas Child sending shoeboxes filled with gifts around the world and CCS members and families donated gifts for the appeal.
Tearfund was supported again this year through individuals and by the sale of Christmas Cards.
Evangelical Alliance was supported by CCS with a financial gift.

ADMINISTRATION

Church Staff: During 2023 Matthew Hyde continued his role as administrator alongside his other duties on the finance team and as Buildings Manager.

Emily Geering is employed as our Children's and Youth Worker.

Our 'staff' is far wider than those who are employed by the church or who are in a leadership role. We rely on the generous service of all those who serve voluntarily, and indeed, we could not function without them.
A big thank you goes to all who use their gifts and talents at Christ Church in order to serve Jesus.

Church Buildings and Fabric: Matthew Hyde continued in his role as buildings manager, overseeing the running and maintenance of the building.

We are very grateful to Dave Griffiths, who is part of our Warden Team. He monitors all the fabric of the building and because of this the building has been kept well-maintained with his due diligence. During this year the roof was replaced over the Martin Price Hall at a cost of £33,800.

Dave also takes responsibility for writing and updating all the necessary risk assessments and Health & Safety policy to ensure that all those who come into the building are kept safe.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Christ Church has been experiencing a slow decline in income relative to inflation over recent years, as with most churches. In addition, periods of interregnum are known to interrupt giving and so giving was down by 12% on last year and overall income by 7%, before considering inflation. However, most people have maintained their giving and some people made generous extra gifts. At the same time there was tight control of expenditure in 2023. Excluding the special items of the new boiler in 2022 and the flat roof replacement in 2023, expenditure was kept static despite the high inflation, especially on energy costs. Our staff received below-inflation pay rises in line with other employers' rates. As a result, we unexpectedly ended the year with the general account in surplus. In the accounts the "Unrestricted funds" (the general account plus associated funds) show a deficit of £29,835 which was due the £33,800 we spent on the roof. This came from the legacy fund which contained a generous gift a non-member left us in 2021. We hope that the finishing of the replacement of the 50-year-old flat roofs leaves our building secure and safe without major works for the short to medium term.

Members may be aware that the Diocese has an ongoing structural deficit due to churches around Merseyside being unable to pay their "Parish Share" which funds vicars and curates and their housing, training, and pensions. We have once again paid our Share of £87,498 thanks to the generosity of church members.

During 2023 the finance team has made efforts to simplify the work involved in administration. We were given permission to close the small endowment (trust) funds with low interest payments and capital (traditionally untouchable) that has been wiped out by decades of inflation, so long as the money was used in line with the original donors' wishes. The £1025 in the Mary Woodcock Trust has been released to CMS for use in South Sudan and the fabric endowments have been closed and their money put in a new sinking fund for future repairs. This leaves us with only one endowment: the "FE Jones Evangelical Mission" with about £32,000 of capital in it and the interest available for that purpose. As a result, we have reduced our bank/investment accounts from 17 to 3, maximised the interest available on our reserves, and simplified the work in managing our financial assets for the future

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So, God has been gracious to us. The Treasurer is grateful for all those who gave to the church and to the Youth account in these difficult times and to those who gave of their own time with maintenance, housekeeping, and accountancy skills, in addition to faithfully running many ministries within the building, reducing our costs considerably. However, we hope to do more in the future and that will require all members to pray and reflect on how they can continue to give and serve with generosity and joy. Members may also wish to think about leaving a legacy to the Church, as these are an important part of churches being able to fund occasional large bills or develop ministries in new areas.

The Treasurer is always available to answer any questions about giving or expenditure.

LOOKING FORWARD

In October I became the Vicar of Christ Church. I arrived with a mixture of excitement, nerves and the sense that God had called me to this place. Before I talk about the future I want to say a couple of thank yous. Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who has welcomed my family and me to Christ Church. It has been a joy to get to know you over my first few months here. Secondly, the last year has not been easy for Christ Church, but lots of people have worked hard to ensure this church is a place where people can meet Jesus. Thank you to everyone who has played their little (or big) part in this.

When I arrived at Christ Church I didn't know what to expect. Yet the word that stands out to me after my little time here is potential. For various reasons, Christ Church is brimming with potential like a coiled spring waiting to be released. The words of Haggai come to mind, "the glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the

former house". I sense that this is not a church looking to bunker down and protect what we have, but is prepared to be bold, get uncomfortable and follow Jesus.

In 2024 we are going to begin looking at God's vision for Christ Church. Why are we here in the heart of Southport? Where is God leading us? I don't have the answers to these questions but I am filled with excitement about how God can use a group of people that dare to completely follow Him. And I am filled with hope about the future of Southport, the town for which this church exists.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

(Rev) Ben Dyer (Chairman)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Southport on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023, as set out on pages 12 to 23 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and it considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect: the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

  have not been met, nor

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.

Date: 27/3/2024

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	154,031	21,001	-	175,032	199,652
Other trading activities	2(b)	-	-	-	-	110
Investments	2(c)	3,949	-	1,110	5,059	1,923
Charitable activities	2(d)	41,056	-	-	41,056	35,682
Total income and endowments		199,036	21,001	1,110	221,147	237,367
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Grants made in furtherance of PCC's objectives	3(a)	15,830	4,767	1,350	21,947	22,078
Activities directly relating to work of the Church	3(b)	213,041	19,251	-	232,292	224,086
Total expenditure		228,871	24,018	1,350	254,239	246,164
Gains on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5(b)	-	-	1,777	1,777	(3,997)
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	-	1,777	1,777	(3,997)
Net income/(expenditure)	13	(29,835)	(3,017)	1,537	(31,315)	(12,794)
Total funds brought forward		161,503	18,232	42,806	222,541	235,335
Transfer of funds in the year		4,183	-	(4,183)	-	-
Total funds carried forward		**135,851**	**15,215**	**40,160**	**191,226**	**222,541**

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2023	TOTAL 2022
		£		£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5(a)	648	3,995	-	4,643	6,396
Investment	5(b)	-	-	32,840	32,840	34,523
		648	3,995	32,840	37,483	40,919
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	29,206	2,895	-	32,101	33,397
Cash at bank and in hand		110,864	8,577	8,345	127,786	154,963
		140,070	11,472	8,345	159,887	188,360
LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,867)	(252)	(1,025)	(6,144)	(6,738)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		135,203	11,220	7,320	153,743	181,622
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	135,851	15,215	40,160	191,226	222,541
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted	10	135,851	-	-	135,851	161,503
Restricted	11	-	15,215	-	15,215	18,232
Endowment	12	-	-	40,160	40,160	42,806
		135,851	15,215	40,160	191,226	222,541

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 19th March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Ben Dyer
Vicar/Chairman

Mr John Sexton
PCC Treasurer

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings

Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c)of the Charities Act 2011 .

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings

At its meeting on 22nd January 2013 the PCC agreed to take out of Fixed Assets the value at cost of the original hall complex and the hall extension (£150,000). Since the redevelopment of the Church in 1995 the Hall Complex is an integral part of the Church building and therefore is not deemed to be an asset which the PCC could dispose of. The property is considered to be excluded from the accounts by virtue of Section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings, office equipment and Piano

Equipment and fixture and fittings used within the church complex are written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straightline basis over the number years set out below:

	Years
Catering equipment	10
Printers	5
Video camera, TV, computers etc.	5
Piano	10

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments

Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

1.6 Reserves

The PCC is encouraged to hold reserves to meet regular anticipated expenses for three months unrestricted expenditure which would amount to £57,218.
At present the unrestricted net curent assets stand at £135,203.This is more than enough to cover our usual three months unrestricted expenditure.

1.7 Risk Management

The PCC considers the following risks may affect the continuing ministry of the church:

> Operational related to the church buildings.
> Statutory and legal relating to Protection for All, Health and Safety, and Charities Act governance.
> Financial relating to reductions in income or excessive expenditure.
> Reputation from adverse publicity.

Steps are in place to minimise these risks by specific volunteers monitoring the buildings and the statutory responsibilities. The PCC prepares an annual budget and monitors and reviews the financial performance as well as operational and statutory matters at its regular meetings.

1.8 Current Assets

Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
2(a)	**Donations and legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aided donations	94,014	10,529	-	104,543	109,269
	Tax recoverable	23,824	2,632	-	26,456	27,340
	Other	13,008	840	-	13,848	16,642
	Collections (loose cash)	11,846	-	-	11,846	10,929
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,562	-	-	1,562	2,000
	Donations, appeals etc	8,244	3,000	-	11,244	23,222
	Grant	1,533	4,000	-	5,533	10,250
		154,031	21,001	-	175,032	199,652
2(b)	**Other trading activities**					
	Fund raising	-	-	-	-	110
		-	-	-	-	110
2(c)	**Investments**					
	Investment income	100	-	959	1,059	1,816
	Bank interest	3,849	-	151	4,000	107
		3,949	-	1,110	5,059	1,923
2(d)	**Charitable Activities**					
	Letting income from premises	15,230	-	-	15,230	11,723
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	518	-	-	518	1,930
	Printing etc	171	-	-	171	158
	Events and catering	3,993	-	-	3,993	4,069
	Tuesday at Two	14,069	-	-	14,069	11,497
	CCS Minis(formerly Family Day)	-	-	-	-	-
	Mid Week Music	6,863	-	-	6,863	5,030
	Discretionary	-	-	-	-	750
	Miscellaneous	212	-	-	212	525
		41,056	-	-	41,056	35,682
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	199,036	21,001	1,110	221,147	237,367

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
	Charitable Activities					
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas:					
	A Rocha	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,750
	CMS	1,025	-	1,350	2,375	2,750
	Latin Link	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,750
	Bolivia(Angel Tree Project)	-	1,428	-	1,428	875
	Lynn Treneary	200	-	-	200	600
	Christ the King Nursery SchoolMaridi	500	-	-	500	200
	Colin and Roni Jackson	500	-	-	500	600
	Julie Noble	800	250	-	1,050	600
	SA Breedt	3,250	1,000	-	4,250	3,350
	TEAR Fund (Ukraine appeal)	-	2	-	2	3,423
	Samaritans Purse	85	-	-	85	-
	Home Missions					
	Evangelical Alliance	220	-	-	220	220
	Schools Worker Trust	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,780
	Schools Worker	500	-	-	500	600
	Compassion Acts/Light for Life	-	1,767	-	1,767	500
	Salvation Army	-	320	-	320	-
	Cancer UK	-	-	-	-	80
	Lancaster University CU	500	-	-	500	-
					-	
		15,830	4,767	1,350	21,947	22,078

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2023 £	TOTAL 2022 £
3(b)	Ministry:					
	Diocesan Parish Share	87,498	-	-	87,498	84,427
	Clergy expenses	83	-	-	83	2,399
	Clergy housing	4,217	-	-	4,217	16,961
	Youth Worker Costs	44	17,983	-	18,027	10,382
	Property costs:					
	Church and halls					
	Electric, gas and water	17,911	-	-	17,911	10,561
	Insurance	5,156	-	-	5,156	4,687
	Repairs renewals and cleaning	7,401	-	-	7,401	37,994
	Hall Roof	33,800	-	-	33,800	-
	Depreciation church equipment	753	1,000	-	1,753	7,760
	Upkeep of services					
	Communion wine, glasses, palm crosses, music software	214	-	-	214	336
	Equipment			-		
	Small items of furniture and equipment	1,280	-	-	1,280	442
	Books, Teaching materials,Resources	1,387	-	-	1,387	1,898
	Other activities					
	Events and catering	3,766	268	-	4,034	3,093
	First Aid training	-	-	-	-	267
	Mid Week Music	2,704	-	-	2,704	2,171
	Tuesday at Two costs	8,996	-	-	8,996	7,926
	Youth activities costs	1,673	-	-	1,673	1,379
	Discretionary	-	-	-	-	250
	Sundries	2,181	-	-	2,181	1,784
	Support Costs					
	Salaries and Wages	25,136	-	-	25,136	22,860
	Printing, Stationery, posters, advertising etc	1,876	-	-	1,876	1,483
	Postage and telephones	1,714	-	-	1,714	1,622
	Website/Social Media	338	-	-	338	406
	Church Suite	726	-	-	726	726
	Bank Charges	520	-	-	520	521
	Appointment of New Vicar	1,900	-	-	1,900	-
	Governance					
	Administration	520	-	-	520	520
	Independent Examination	1,230	-	-	1,230	1,152
	Generation of voluntary income					
	Cost of appeals etc	17	-	-	17	79
		213,041	19,251	-	232,292	224,086
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	228,871	24,018	1,350	254,239	246,164

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4 STAFF COSTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
4(a)	Wages and Salaries	25,760	17,459	43,219	33,405
	National Insurance Costs	-	-	-	-
	Pensions	747	524	1,271	982
		26,507	17,983	44,490	34,387

In 2023 the PCC employed a Buildings Manager/Office Administrator who did not earn £60,000 or more.
The PCC also paid for a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager for an hour a week
The PCC also employed a full time Youth/Childrens Worker. However following a period of sickness in 2021/22 she is now working 25 hours per week.

At the end of the year the employees equated to 1.7 full time equivalent.
Within unrestricted staff costs is a figure of £871 in respect of the cleaning assistant. The expenditure is shown under repairs and cleaning see note 3(b) to the accounts.

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Lovegrove is a PCC member and is employed as a cafe manager by Café 1821 Ltd.
Mrs E Lacey is a PCC member and also acts as a Trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
Mrs H Taberner is employed as a schools worker by the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
They do not receive any personal benefit.

4(c) Café 1821 Ltd

There is a a formal agreement between the PCC and Café 1821 Ltd.
The Café are required to contribute £5,000 per year together with thier share of utility costs.
This is shown within letting income from premises see note 2(d) (£8,900)
The Cafe operates to further the Charitable objectives and mission of the Church.

Mr Mark Hague, Mrs Elizabeth Lacey and Mr John Sexton are PCC members and continue as Directors of Café 1821 Ltd.
They do not receive any remuneration or financial benefit for being Directors.

4(d) OTHER PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no other disclosable transactions with PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*	Land & Buildings £	Church Equipment Unrestricted £	Church Equipment Restricted £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2023	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2023	-	86,827	6,250	93,077
Charge for the year	-	753	1,000	1,753
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	-	87,580	7,250	94,830
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2023	-	648	3,995	4,643
At 31 December 2022	-	1,401	4,995	6,396

Freehold land and buildings
The value of the original hall complex and extension has been taken out of Fixed Assets
See note 1.4.2

5(b) Investments - (all endowment funds)

	2023 £		2022 £	
	Historical cost	Market value	Historical Cost	Market Value
1340 shares in CBF Investment fund	14,022	29,362	14,022	27,679
1428 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,306	2,052	2,306	1,958
CBF Deposit Fund	4,886	4,886	4,886	4,886
	21,214	36,300	21,214	34,523
Increase in Market Value		1,777		

	Historical cost	Market value
1340 shares in CBF Investment fund	14,022	29,362
1428 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,306	2,052
CBF Deposit Fund	4,886	4,886
	21,214	36,300
Less Investments sold	1,425	3,460
Investments as at 31.12.23	19,789	32,840

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6 CHURCH INSURANCE VALUATION

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in May 2022.
The Church buildings and contents are insured with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office within a loss limit of £9,980,000.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed assets for church use	648	3,995	-	4,643	6,396
Investment fixed assets	-	-	32,840	32,840	34,523
Current Assets	140,070	11,472	8,345	159,887	188,360
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due in one year	(4,867)	(252)	(1,025)	(6,144)	(6,738)
Fund balance	135,851	15,215	40,160	191,226	222,541

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income Tax recoverable	25,602	2,895	-	28,497	30,399
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	2,284	-	-	2,284	990
Other Debtors	1,320	-	-	1,320	2,008
	29,206	2,895	-	32,101	33,397

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Accruals and Deferred Income	(4,867)	(252)	(1,025)	(6,144)	(6,738)
	(4,867)	(252)	(1,025)	(6,144)	(6,738)

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10 UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED FUNDS

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Fund	115,848	111,383
Ministry Fund	9,672	7,547
Community and Overseas Mission	6,148	6,648
Legacy Fund	-	35,925
Fabric Reserve	4,183	-
	135,851	161,503

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprised the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Youth Ministry Fund	10,720	10,701
* Support for Mission	-	1,768
Donations/Equipment	4,495	5,763
	15,215	18,232

* Includes support for Angel Tree Project in Bolivia.

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The closing balance of the Endowment Funds comprised the following:

	2023	2022
	£	£
FE Jones Missionary Account	40,160	37,517
Mary Woodcock Trust	-	1,306
Thomas Henry Cross Trust	-	499
Linen / Sunday School Trust - Fabric	-	2,788
Churchyard Trust	-	696
	40,160	42,806

The Frances Emily Jones Missionary Fund was established under a deed dated 27 October 1958 . The income is to be used for the purpose of Evangelical missions.

PCC 21st November 2023 Minute 3016
The Mary Woodcock Trust was established by a legacy of £1,000 on 25 May 1943. The income to be paid to the Church Missionary Society for work overseas.
The PCC agreed to close the Mary Woodcock Endowment fund. The assets will be transferred to the Church Missionary Society

PCC 21st November 2023 Minute 3016 and PCC 16th January 2024 Minute 3029
The Linen and Sunday School Trusts and the Thomas Henry Cross Trust income is to be used for upkeep of the church fabric.
The Churchyard Trust was established with a fixed capital of £500. The income to be used for the upkeep of the Church grounds.

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13 FUND DETAILS
The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus /(deficit) for the year are as follows :

		2023 £ Surplus/(Deficit)	2022 £ Surplus/(Deficit)
Unrestricted	General account	4,465	(18,319)
	Community and Overseas Mission	(500)	-
	Legacy Fund	(33,800)	-
		(29,835)	(18,319)
Restricted			
	Youth Ministry	18	9,325
	Mission Giving	(1,768)	-
	Equipment/Donations	(1,267)	(646)
		(3,017)	8,679
Endowment	F E Jones Missionary Fund	2,643	(2,777)
	Mary Woodcock Trust	(1,306)	7
	Thomas Henry Cross Trust	5	(17)
	Linen /Sunday School Trust-Fabric	167	(376)
	Churchyard Trust	28	9
		1,537	(3,154)
Total		(31,315)	(12,794)

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTH

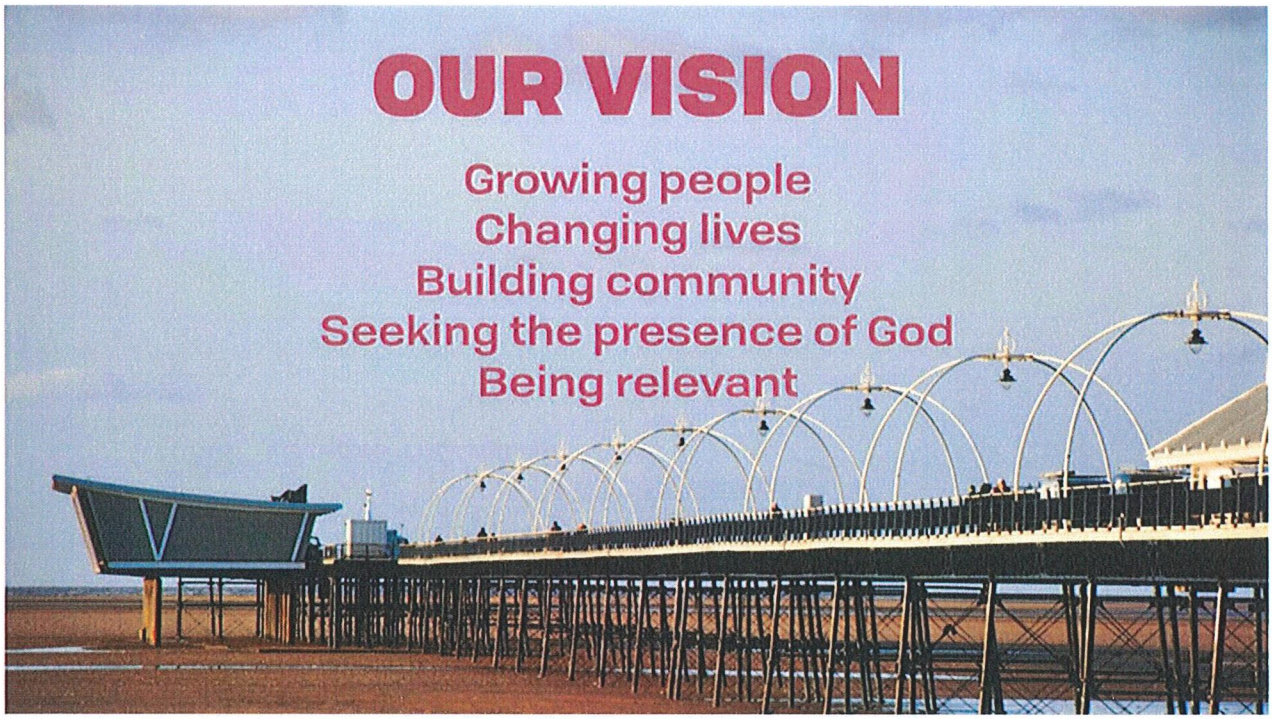
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THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH SOUTHPORT
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Name:	Christ Church,
Address:	Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside PR8 1AA
Status:	Christ Church registered charity number: 1129342
Officers:	Members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Rev. Canon S McGanity*	Chairman, Ex-officio (until mid-August 2022)
Curate:	Rev. R Hill*	(from June 2021) Ex-officio (until mid-August 2022)
Self-sustaining minister	Rev. Rob Milton	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:		
	Mrs Katy Porter	Ex-officio
	Mrs Angie Lewis	Vice-Chair Ex-officio
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr David Griffiths	
	Mrs Margaret King	PCC Secretary
	Mr Keran Lewis	
	Mr John Sexton*	Treasurer
Elected Members:		
	Mr Mark Hague*	
	Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*	
	Mr Andrew Lang	
	Mrs Jan Lovegrove	
	Mrs Nicola Millington	
	Miss Lucy Porter	
	Mrs Rachel Rawcliffe	
	Mrs Lisa Rowe	
	Mr Chris Stephen	
	Mrs Hettie Taberner	
	Mr Jim Tate	
	Mr Steven Taylor	
Co-opted Members	Mrs Emily Geering	
	Rev. Frank Hinds	

Ex-officio:	On the PCC because of their position.
Co-opted:	PCC members by invitation of the PCC.

*Trustees of Café 1821 Ltd

Professional Advisers:

Bankers:	HSBC PLC, 331 Lord Street, Southport
Independent Examiners:	OJ Grills Esq FCA J A Fell & Co 40 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PQ

Solicitors:	Hill Dickinson, 1 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ
Architects:	David Chapman, NJSR Chartered Architects 57-59 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PG

Day-to-day management control of the Church is exercised by the Clergy and Wardens contactable via the church office: 01704 531756, or the Church email: office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Christ Church Southport PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a registered charity: Number 1129342.
Related trusts: Vivesco Café (renamed Café 1821 Ltd in December 2019) operates as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (Number 1089182) with its own trustees and management group, who may be PCC members but not necessarily are.

Christ Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings complex on Lord Street, Southport, and is responsible for financial matters.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section two of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning its activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

The PCC is the body within Christ Church where policy, decision-making and accountabilities are determined. During 2022 there were the usual 6 PCC meetings.

The Standing Committee meets before the PCC meeting and considers and recommends actions and policy proposals, and consists of the clergy licensed to Christ Church, wardens, treasurer, PCC Secretary and two lay representatives from the PCC.

In 2022 a fortnightly staff meeting was held with the vicar (until mid-August), curate (until mid-August), SSM minister, wardens, treasurer, youth worker, administrator and pastoral coordinator for appraisal and forward planning.
When the need arises, small groups/sub-committees may be formed to discuss a particular issue relating to church life and report to the PCC.

STATEMENT OF PCC'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC, as trustees of the Church, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The PCC has considered all the risks which face the church and has identified and addressed the following critical areas:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a busy church, the PCC takes seriously the importance of safety for all who come onto the premises.

The PCC statement of general policy is to:

- Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work/church activities.
- Provide and maintain a safe environment and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees/volunteers and when necessary, any of the above mentioned.
- Ensure all employees/volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training where appropriate.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill-health.
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions.
- Review and revise this policy as required at regular intervals.

Safety and risk management is a shared responsibility and the PCC and Wardens are grateful to all who help by being vigilant and reporting potential dangers.

First Aid: First aid kits are easily accessible and a defibrillator is on-site along the main corridor. Matthew Hyde and Emily Geering are both trained first-aiders.

Equipment: Annual, monthly and/or weekly checks are made to smoke alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire call points, the heating system and boiler with all checks being recorded. All electrical appliances are PAT tested regularly and the fire alarm system is checked regularly. The lightning conductor was last inspected in July 2022 in accordance with regulations.

Fire: There were seven certified Fire Marshalls for the building during 2021. An annual fire evacuation practice will be completed in 2023. The fire risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

Food Hygiene: Kitchen staff and volunteers are frequently updated regarding food hygiene and regularly attend courses.

Safety procedures: The Church's Health and Safety Policy ensures that the PCC meets the duty placed on it under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and is based on the Ecclesiastical Insurance's Health and Safety Policy template. It is reviewed annually.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Church of England Safeguarding policies were reviewed and adopted by the PCC in 2022. Emily Geering returned to work after being off sick and took on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer and Stella Milton was appointed Safe Recruitment Officer. During the period Emily Geering was off sick Rev McGanity took on this roll until he stepped down in August.
Nicola Millington was recruited as Assistant Parish Safeguarding Officer. Christ Church had to complete the Archdeacon's Parish Safeguarding Review in September 2022, which is required to be done every 3 years. New measures have been put in place that means we meet the requirements of the Liverpool Diocese. We were highly praised for our diligence and understanding of the importance of safeguarding. We would like to say thank you to the safeguarding team for working hard to complete this audit along with the wardens and PCC for supporting the safeguarding team.

DATA PROTECTION

Christ Church complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and treats personal information responsibly. The Christ Church Data Protection Privacy Notice can be found on the homepage of our website.
We continue to use ChurchSuite as a safe and secure way of handling the data of church members.

FINANCIAL RISK

The treasurer gives up-to-date information on the church finances to the PCC on a bi-monthly basis. Reserves are deposited with the Central Board of Finance. All major assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC and Treasurer, supported by the administration staff, continued to review procedures to improve internal controls.

OBJECTIVES

OUR VISION

We are a church at the heart of Southport, with a heart for Southport.

Our desire is to play our part in giving the people of Southport a hope filled future. We want to work with others in building effective bridges between church and community: to foster relationships with people of different generations, cultures and backgrounds -whether they have some religious faith or none. Our vision is that we might impact Southport with God's unconditional love and transforming power.

We believe the church should take seriously the command of Jesus to love God, and love our neighbours. In order to be effective in this, we will focus on the following:

GROWING PEOPLE
We want to be a church that encourages everyone to grow in their faith. We will do this by: providing accessible ways to help people accept the truth of the gospel and become more like Jesus; helping people find their own unique way of serving God; and encouraging people to make a difference, especially in our town.

BUILDING COMMUNIITY
We want to be a church that serves the people of our town by meeting specific needs so that lives are transformed. We will be a church where every member is equipped to serve and has confidence to share the gospel in an attractive and relevant way.

CHANGING LIVES
We want to be a church family which is characterised by relationships that are genuine, loving and transparent; where all people feel they can belong. For the next five years we will work on developing our ministries with young people, families and people of different nationalities in order to be a better representation of our town.

SEEKING THE POWER OF GOD
Through Bible based ministry and commitment to prayer, we want to be a church that sees the supernatural power of God at work amongst us. We will be intentional about seeking healing, hearing God and equipping our members with the understanding and skills to allow them to move in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BEING RELEVANT
We want to be a church that understands the reality of life for the people of our town: their hopes, fears, ambitions and challenges. We want to be continually relevant despite a rapidly changing context. So, we will be a church that seeks to observe and reflect on the community around us. We will not be afraid of change and be willing to adapt in order that we can better serve the present generation.

ACTIVITIES, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Clergy: The Reverend Canon Steve McGanity Incumbent was assisted by the Curate, the Reverend Bec Hill (from June 2021) and SSM minister Reverend Rob Milton.

SERVICES

Physical services – Throughout 2022, there were regularly 2 morning services on Sunday mornings, at 9.15am and 11am, with occasional joint 10.30am services.

Café Church - Also a new initiative called Café Church began, which runs alongside the Sunday church services within the café area and invites people in for free coffee and a chat. This has proved a great success.

Online resources – Through the year we continued to provide online resources, which included the Sunday sermon available on YouTube and up to August a series called Deeper.

We are grateful to those who helped facilitate and support these services in 2022, including wardens and deputy wardens who maintained the safety of people in the building, also the welcomers, communion administrators, bible readers and the PA and audio/visual teams.

Attendances 2022
9.15am service average attendance: 50
11am service average attendance: 79

Special Services:
Easter Sunday attendance: 250 outdoor
Carol Service attendance: 140 indoor

During the year 2022 there were no marriages, 7 funeral services, 2 infant baptisms, 1 adult baptism and 2 adult reaffirmations at Christ Church. Throughout the year there were different special services; Holocaust Memorial service, a New Wine Celebration service, a service of reflection for the late Queen Elizabeth II, and a Time To Remember service.

Queen Elizabeth II: On 8th September 2022, Queen Elizabeth II sadly passed away. At Christ Church there was a Reflective Service, followed by the church being open for private prayer through weeks leading up to the funeral. A Book of Remembrance was opened and available to the community to write their thoughts and reflections. Outside there was a small area reserved for those who wanted to lay flowers.

Christmas Time: At Christmas time there was a Carol service, a Midnight Communion service, and a Christmas Day service.

Electoral Roll: In 2022 the number on the Electoral Roll was 150.
Those who join the Electoral Roll are encouraged to read a 'Membership Resolve' expressing commitment to Christ Church by: 'Protecting its unity, sharing responsibility, serving its ministry and supporting its witness'.

Giving and Finance: The church family at Christ Church continued to give generously in 2022. A total of £189,402, including gift aid recovered, was given during the year which included £23,222 by way of one-off donations. The Church also received grants of £10,250. The accounts show a deficit of £18,319 on the general housekeeping account at the end of 2022. However, this was planned for and was financed from reserves. The Church continued to meet all its financial commitments including the Parish Share (£84,427) which supports the mission of the church in the Diocese of Liverpool and mission giving of £22,078.

Small Groups & Missional Communities:
These groups continued to play an important part in the life and ministry of Christ Church. Small Groups meet in the church building or in people's homes, for bible study and fellowship. Missional Communities meet for study and fellowship with the intention of focusing outwardly to the wider community. In 2022 there were 11 Small Groups and Missional Communities.

Prayer: There were various prayer events throughout 2022, including weekly prayer meetings for the troubles in Ukraine. A Prayer Ministry Training event was held, to give guidelines and address safeguarding responsibilities.

Pastoral Care: A great thank you to the Pastoral Team whose work goes on behind the scenes, for helping those struggling and needing help in various ways. The team meet regularly and try to make sure people feel part of the church and follow up those who we haven't seen in a while. Each of the team members have undertaken safeguarding training.

Regular Groups: Our regular groups of Tuesday at Two, Midweek Music and Bereavement Support continued successfully in serving the community throughout 2022.

Alpha: In 2022 there were two Alpha Courses and one Youth Alpha Course, bringing people in to learn about the basics of the Christian faith.

Cafe 1821: The café is an important aspect of the ministry at Christ Church and as well as serving food and drink, provides an easy way in to finding out more about Christ Church and Christianity. It continues its ministry with staff and volunteers. The café is a separate legal entity from the church.

Winter Warmers: In the winter of 2022 a new initiative began called Winter Warmers, every Friday, where the café becomes a warm space whilst offering free food and drink to whoever comes in. This has proved very successful and many positive comments come from the local community.

Wider Church Community: Christ Church has four PCC members who attend the Deanery Synod and Rev Steve McGanity was the Area Dean of the North Meols Deanery, and a representative on the General Synod until mid-August 2022. Steve was also appointed Priest-In-Charge of St Philips with Wesley until mid-August. The clergy attend the monthly Chapter meeting which is a discussion and support group and the Ministers fraternal which has members from all denominations.
Until mid-August 2022, Steve McGanity mentored a local missional leader at All Saints and from June 2021, until mid-August 2022, mentored the curates at Christ Church, St James and St Philips with Wesley.

YOUTH, KIDS' AND MINIS' WORK

2022 has been a year of developing all that had been restarted in 2021. We have:
Continued our partnerships with Tabz and Hettie and SASWT as we have assisted them in schools and they have helped us to restart our Friday night youth work.
We relaunched the Friday night youth group in November as CCS Youth Hangout and have been running this every other week since then. Tabz comes and sets up 'Safe Space' under SASWT and checks in with the young people and particularly their mental health.
We continued Sunday morning youth provision on a fortnightly basis. On the other Sunday mornings whilst the young people were in the services, Emily explored how they can serve within the church on Sunday mornings.
Sunday morning CCS Kids/Minis continued on a weekly basis.
Tabz and Hettie delivered the Youthscape Essentials Course for all youth leaders across Southport at Christ Church. Some of our youth team were able to join in with this training.
We have had two CCS Families events; Operation Shine and a film night.
Operation Shine was an alternative to halloween and brought all ages together to create Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Both events were extremely successful and we look forward to developing them.

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone that are involved in the Minis, Kids, Youth, and Families teams. Without you none of this would be able to physically happen. We thank SASWT for delivering the Youthscape Essentials course; equipping the existing team and others that are exploring getting involved in youth work. And we thank everyone that prays for all of these ministries. It's seriously exciting to see God move within these ministries and see children and young people come to faith, grow in their faith, and share their faith.

MISSION IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

We continue to support the following organizations and mission partners in prayer, financially and practically.

A Rocha, Watamu, Kenya – We support Colin Jackson (his wife Roni and son Kai). A Rocha is a global family of conservation organizations working together, in response to the worldwide crisis of biodiversity loss, to carry out community-based conservation projects. Colin is national director for A Rocha, Kenya and is an authority on bird migration and the need for conservation of habitats for endangered species. Environmental education is undertaken in up to 56 local primary and secondary schools around Arabuko-Sokoke Forest and Mida Creek involving guided field trips, tree planting, litter picking and other activities to focus on ways to use local materials, resources, and alternative technologies to improve local people's quality of life in a cost-effective and sustainable way. Colin is involved in regular surveys on endangered species and threatened habitats to better understand and therefore protect them. There is also a Marine Research programme in Watamu Marine National Park to understand the current impact on marine biodiversity. Farming God's Way is an initiative started by A Rocha in 2014 to counter poor farming practices which lead to reduced yields. It is based on biblical principles, proper management, and appropriate technologies to take care of God's beautiful land and creation instead of using destructive methods like slash and burn farming, poaching and the threat of charcoal burning to the Dakatcha woodlands.
More information at https://www.arocha.or.ke/

Church Mission Society, South Sudan – Revd. Lynn Treneary returned to the UK in the early part of 2022 and continues to be on sick leave. We still support her with prayer and finance hoping that when she is back to full health she can make a decision, along with CMS, as to her future role in ministry. Lynn still has a passion to help the people of Maridi and has first-hand knowledge of the needs, difficulties and resources needed to improve the lives of those in Maridi diocese.
More information at https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/lynn-treneary/

Latin Link, Bolivia – Julie Noble came home on leave in the summer and was able to visit CCS and graduate with an MA from Manchester Metropolitan University as well as spend some quality time with her family. She has been able to see a return to some of the services suspended during the pandemic in Oruro. Angel Tree gradually reopened to welcome the children of parents in prison, although phone contact had been maintained with the families. Thirty or more children are once again benefitting from help with homework, hot meals, clothing, counselling and somewhere safe to be before or after school. The children's camp took place again in December. The team have restarted visits to the Prison, Young Offenders Centre and Probation Centre. Due to overcrowding in the prison, there are many problems and difficulties to overcome. The team have been assigned many cases for Restorative Justice but continue to struggle to contact the victims.
The weakness of the £pound means that donations to the ministries in Bolivia have decreased in value by about 20%, which is a challenge as prices are rising locally.
More information is at https://www.latinlink.org.uk/

Youth with a Mission (YWAM), South Africa – Sarah Beriyth is passionate to share the Good News of the Gospel with unreached people, which she estimates at 2 billion people worldwide. Sarah works online in Stilbaai, South Africa and her books reach around the world including South America, Europe, Middle East, and all over Africa. The SandboxBible and related videos are being used and reaching Muslim communities especially in the Middle East.
Sarah (Anna-Lise) once lived in Southport and worked in Christ Church café when it was Vivesco. She now lives by faith and has been invited to return to Thailand in May 2023 for a Create International Family Gathering and she will be using her SandboxBible. From there she will travel to Nepal. This is a great financial challenge for Sarah and CCS were pleased to assist her by sending an early payment towards booking her flights at a discount rate.
See www.sandboxbible.com

Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT) – Tabz and Hettie Taberner work with a team and continue to provide a valuable contact for children and young people in schools, some of whom have found the disruption of online learning during the pandemic has adversely affected their mental health. Their presence is much appreciated by both pupils and staff in the schools where they visit. CCS are pleased to continue their support for SASWT.
For details of the charity see https://saswtrust.com/ and learn more of how the team help children in our area.

Samaritan's Purse used CCS as a collection point again in 2022 for Operation Christmas Child sending shoeboxes filled with gifts around the world.

Tearfund was supported again this year by individuals and by the sale of Christmas Cards.

Evangelical Alliance was supported by CCS with a financial gift.

Compassion Acts (CA) continues in partnership with CCS to provide a monthly Community Food Market for invited clients. Unfortunately, there is still a need to provide help to families and individuals struggling in our current financial crisis and the market is one of the steps in the programme CA runs to enable clients to manage financially. The Community Market at CCS offers a wide range of items from tinned food to shower gel, rice to breakfast cereal. Although we cannot offer everything, the prices are considerably reduced and there is a warm welcome with tea/ coffee and biscuits and an opportunity for a chat.
CCS collected donations of food at the annual Harvest Service and has a collection point for donations of non-perishable food in the welcome area for CA to distribute. We provide many of the volunteers for the monthly market as well as a storage facility for the food offered at the market.
Ukrainian Language and Culture – also in partnership with Compassion Acts, Christ Church is a venue for a weekly group meeting for the Ukrainian community, offering help and advice on settling into their new surroundings.
More information on all the help on offer through CA at https://compassionacts.uk

ADMINISTRATION

Church Staff: During 2022 Matthew Hyde continued his role as administrator alongside his other duties as Buildings Manager. In May 2022 his post was regraded when he agreed to take on some of the day-to-day financial work.

Emily Geering continued to be employed as our Children's and Youth Worker. However, following a serious accident in May 2021, she was on sick leave for the rest of the year. In May 2022 she returned to work on reduced hours and gradually increased her hours during 2022.

Our 'staff' is far wider than those who are employed by the church or who are in a leadership role. We rely on the generous service of all those who serve voluntarily, and indeed, we could not function without them.
A big thank you goes to all who use their gifts and talents at Christ Church in order to serve Jesus.

Church Buildings and Fabric: Matthew Hyde continued in his role as buildings manager, overseeing the running and maintenance of the building.

We are very grateful to Dave Griffiths, who is part of our Warden Team. He monitors all the fabric of the building and because of this the building has been kept well-maintained with his due diligence. During this year two new boilers were installed which he supervised to completion.
Dave also takes responsibility for writing and updating all the necessary risk assessments to ensure that all those who come into the building are kept safe.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

If we take out of the 2021 figures the legacy received last year then our total income is significantly higher in 2022. This is due to the fact that income from general giving was increased, we had a gift of £8,375 from the family of the late Mary Brew, interest earned from investments was higher, and as our week day activities resumed, following the restricted use of our building due to the Covid pandemic, our income from charitable activities increased significantly. However, our expenditure was significantly higher in 2022 and this resulted in a deficit of £18,319. This was mainly due to the fact that we had to replace our heating boilers in 2022 at a cost of £25,000, The PCC had been made aware of the fact that our old boilers were beginning to fail at the end of 2021 and agreed to fund the work on the new boilers from reserves. If we had not had to spend £25,000 on replacing the boilers then the general account would have been in surplus by some £6,700.
We continued to meet our ongoing commitments to support our mission partners at home and overseas. We were grateful to receive a grant from the Church of England central funds to help support our increased fuel costs although the full effect of the energy crisis will not be felt until 2023 when our electricity contract is up for renewal.
The accounts show that the restricted youth ministry account shows a surplus of £9,325. This is due to the fact that our Youth Worker was working reduced hours following her accident in May 2021. This surplus will be used to help fund her salary as she returns to full time work in 2023.
We are very grateful that, without the one off expenditure on the new boilers, we would have more than covered our outgoings and want to say a big thank you to all who financially support the work and ministry of Christ Church.
The PCC will continue to closely monitor the finances of the Church as we face greater financial challenges in 2023.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We would like, firstly, to thank each and every one of you for showing such incredible grace during this last year of shock and change at Christ Church.
You have displayed "grace abounding" to the highest degree which has been wonderful. "And God is able to make all grace abound in you, so that having sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8
We believe that the difficult situation we have had to handle as a church has made our love and our faith stronger. We have become more determined to carry on with our mission in Christ. "With your help we can advance against a troop; with our God we can scale a wall." Ps 18:29.

Looking forward to 2023 we need to focus on developing our prayer life especially as we pray into the appointment of a new vicar.
We will begin with our 6-week series "Are you ready ...." and the final session "Are you ready to Serve" is a challenge for us as a church to pick up what God is calling us to do individually, in service for Him, in the Body of Christ at CCS. We will follow this with the 24/7 Prayer Course compiled by Pete Grieg. This is a great tool which is supported by the book "How to pray – for normal people".

This is a year for us to build on all we are learning about prayer and mission, to encourage, support and pray for our visible mission work in Café Church and Café 1821.
Let us look forward to our future at Christ Church with anticipation and passion for all that God wants to do in us and through us, as we fervently seek his face to guide us in the choice of our new leader.

Signed on behalf of the PCC
Angie Lewis, Warden (Chairman)



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church Southport on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022, as set out on pages 12 to 23 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC is responsible for the preparation of the accounts and it considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect: the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

  have not been met, nor

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.

Date: 5/4/2023

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	174,557	25,095	-	199,652	223,933
Other trading activities	2(b)	-	110	-	110	-
Investments	2(c)	1,080	-	843	1,923	888
Charitable activities	2(d)	35,682	-	-	35,682	11,732
Total income and endowments		211,319	25,205	843	237,367	236,553
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Grants made in furtherance of PCC's objectives	3(a)	17,780	4,298	-	22,078	16,582
Activities directly relating to work of the Church	3(b)	211,858	12,228	-	224,086	171,428
Total expenditure		229,638	16,526	-	246,164	188,010
Losses on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5(b)	-	-	(3,997)	(3,997)	3,765
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	-	(3,997)	(3,997)	3,765
Net income/(expenditure)	13	(18,319)	8,679	(3,154)	(12,794)	52,308
Total funds brought forward		179,822	9,553	45,960	235,335	183,027
Total funds carried forward		**161,503**	**18,232**	**42,806**	**222,541**	**235,335**

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5(a)	1,401	4,995	-	6,396	14,156
Investment	5(b)	-	-	34,523	34,523	38,520
		1,401	4,995	34,523	40,919	52,676
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	30,253	3,144	-	33,397	35,726
Cash at bank and in hand		136,440	10,240	8,283	154,963	150,629
		166,693	13,384	8,283	188,360	186,355
LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,591)	(147)	-	(6,738)	(3,696)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		160,102	13,237	8,283	181,622	182,659
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	161,503	18,232	42,806	222,541	235,335
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted	10	161,503	-	-	161,503	179,822
Restricted	11	-	18,232	-	18,232	9,553
Endowment	12	-	-	42,806	42,806	45,960
		161,503	18,232	42,806	222,541	235,335

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 21st March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs Angela Lewis
Chairperson/Church Warden



Mr John Sexton
PCC Treasurer

The notes on page 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c)of the Charities Act 2011 .

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings
At its meeting on 22nd January 2013 the PCC agreed to take out of Fixed Assets the value at cost of the original hall complex and the hall extension (£150,000). Since the redevelopment of the Church in 1995 the Hall Complex is an integral part of the Church building and therefore is not deemed to be an asset which the PCC could dispose of. The property is considered to be excluded from the accounts by virtue of Section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Charitable Activities
1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings, office equipment and Piano
Equipment and fixture and fittings used within the church complex are written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straightline basis over the number years set out below:

	Years
Catering equipment	10
Printers	5
Video camera, TV, computers etc.	5
Piano	10

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

1.6 Reserves

The PCC is encouraged to hold reserves to meet regular anticipated expenses for three months unrestricted expenditure which would amount to £57,410.
At present the unrestricted net curent assets stand at £160,102.This is more than enough to cover our usual three months unrestricted expenditure.

1.7 Risk Management

The PCC considers the following risks may affect the continuing ministry of the church:

> Operational related to the church buildings.
> Statutory and legal relating to Protection for All, Health and Safety, and Charities Act governance.
> Financial relating to reductions in income or excessive expenditure.
> Reputation from adverse publicity.

Steps are in place to minimise these risks by specific volunteers monitoring the buildings and the statutory responsibilities. The PCC prepares an annual budget and monitors and reviews the financial performance as well as operational and statutory matters at its regular meetings.

1.8 Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
2(a)	**Donations and legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aided donations	98,175	11,094	-	109,269	104,747
	Tax recoverable	24,567	2,773	-	27,340	26,443
	Other	15,802	840	-	16,642	21,807
	Collections (loose cash)	10,929	-	-	10,929	7,995
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000
	Donations, appeals etc	17,834	5,388	-	23,222	15,815
	Grant	5,250	5,000	-	10,250	11,201
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	33,925
		174,557	25,095	-	199,652	223,933
2(b)	**Other trading activities**					
	Fund raising	-	0	-	110	-
		-	110	-	110	0
2(c)	**Investments**					
	Investment income	992	-	824	1,816	865
	Bank interest	88	-	19	107	23
		1,080	-	843	1,923	888
2(d)	**Charitable Activities**					
	Letting income from premises	11,723	-	-	11,723	4,628
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	1,930	-	-	1,930	975
	Printing etc	158	-	-	158	238
	Events and catering	4,069	-	-	4,069	1,059
	Tuesday at Two	11,497	-	-	11,497	2,625
	CCS Minis(formerly Family Day)		-	-	0	-
	Mid Week Music	5,030	-	-	5,030	1,384
	Discretionary	750	-	-	750	500
	Miscellaneous	525	-	-	525	323
		35,682	-	-	35,682	11,732
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	211,319	25,205	843	237,367	236,553

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
	Charitable Activities					
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas:					
	A Rocha	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,500
	CMS	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,500
	Latin Link	2,750	-	-	2,750	2,500
	Bolivia(Angel Tree Project)	-	875	-	875	350
	Lynn Treneary	600	-	-	600	800
	Christ the King Nursery SchoolMaridi	200	-	-	200	1,321
	Colin and Roni Jackson	600	-	-	600	300
	Julie Noble	600	-	-	600	300
	SA Breedt	3,350	-	-	3,350	2,800
	TEAR Fund (Ukraine appeal)	-	3,423	-	3,423	-
				-		-
	Home Missions			-		
	Evangelical Alliance	220	-	-	220	200
	Schools Worker Trust	2,780	-	-	2,780	2,500
	Schools Worker	600	-	-	600	300
	Asylum Seekers	-	-	-	-	211
	Compassion Acts	500	-	-	500	-
	Cancer UK	80	-	-	80	-
		17,780	4,298	-	22,078	16,582

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2022 £	TOTAL 2021 £
3(b)	Ministry:					
	Diocesan Parish Share	84,427	-	-	84,427	83,977
	Clergy expenses	2,399	-	-	2,399	2,629
	Clergy housing	16,961	-	-	16,961	13,626
	Youth Worker Costs	-	10,382	-	10,382	13,519
	Property costs:					
	Church and halls					
	Electric, gas and water	10,561	-	-	10,561	7,301
	Insurance	4,687	-	-	4,687	4,586
	Repairs renewals and cleaning	37,994		-	37,994	17,963
	Depreciation church equipment	6,510	1,250	-	7,760	7,760
	Upkeep of services					
	Communion wine, glasses, palm crosses, music software	336	-	-	336	18
	Equipment					
	Small items of furniture and equipment	442	-	-	442	-
	Books, Teaching materials,Resources	1,798	100	-	1,898	1,987
	Other activities					
	Events and catering	2,761	332	-	3,093	896
	200th Anniversary	-	-	-	-	1,567
	First Aid training	267	-	-	267	-
	Mid Week Music	2,007	164	-	2,171	814
	Tuesday at Two costs	7,926	-	-	7,926	2,307
	Youth activities costs	1,379	-	-	1,379	733
	Discretionary	250	-	-	250	165
	Sundries	1,784	-	-	1,784	2,182
	Support costs					
	Salaries and Wages	22,860	-	-	22,860	19,185
	Printing, Stationery, posters, advertising etc	1,483	-	-	1,483	1,889
	Postage and telephones	1,622	-	-	1,622	1,176
	Website/Social Media	406	-	-	406	299
	Church Suite	726	-	-	726	726
	Bank Charges	521	-	-	521	524
	Refund of Bank Charges charged in error	-	-	-	-	(16,087)
	Governance					
	Administration	520	-	-	520	523
	Independent Examination	1,152	-	-	1,152	1,086
	Generation of voluntary income					
	Cost of appeals etc	79	-	-	79	77
		211,858	12,228	-	224,086	171,428
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	229,638	16,526	-	246,164	188,010

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4 STAFF COSTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
		£	£	£	£
4(a)	Wages and Salaries	23,325	10,080	33,405	34,925
	National Insurance Costs	-	-	-	0
	Pensions	680	302	982	967
		24,005	10,382	34,387	35,892

In 2022 the PCC employed a Buildings Manager/Office Administrator who did not earn £60,000 or more.
The PCC also paid for a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager for an hour a week
The PCC also employ a Youth/Childrens Worker. She was on sick leave from May 2021 and was not able to return to work until May 2022. She did return on reduced hours and is gradually increasing the number of hours she is able to work.
At the end of the year the employees equated to 2 full time equivalent.
Within unrestricted staff costs is a figure of £645 in respect of the caretaker and cleaning assistant. The expenditure is shown under repairs and cleanin to the accounts

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Lovegrove is a PCC member and is employed as a cafe manager by Café 1821 Ltd.
Mrs E Lacey is a PCC member and also acts as a Trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
Mrs H Taberner is employed as a schools worker by the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
They do not receive any personal benefit.

4(c) Café 1821 Ltd

In February 2021 a formal agreement between the PCC and Café 1821 was put in place in respect of the Café contributing to running expenses.
The Café are required to contribute £5,000 per year together with thier share of utility costs.
The rent was reduced to £125 per month for the first year due to the adverse economic situation as a result of the Covid pandemic. Café 1821 Ltd were able to pay the £5,000 per year with effect from 1st February 2022 together with their share of utilitiy costs.
This is shown within letting income from premises see note 2(d) (£6,988)
The Cafe operates to further the Charitable objectives and mission of the Church.

Mr Mark Hague, Mrs Elizabeth Lacey and Mr John Sexton are PCC members and continue as Directors of Café 1821 Ltd.
Rev Steve McGanity and Rev R Hill were also PCC members and Directors of Café 1821 Ltd until their resignation as Directors in August 2022.
They do not receive any remuneration or financial benefit for being Directors.

4(d) OTHER PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no other disclosable transactions with PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Church Equipment Unrestricted £	Church Equipment Restricted £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2022	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2022	-	80,317	5,000	85,317
Charge for the year	-	6,510	1,250	7,760
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2022	-	86,827	6,250	93,077
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2022	-	1,401	4,995	6,396
At 31 December 2021	-	7,911	6,245	14,156

Freehold land and buildings
The value of the original hall complex and extension has been taken out of Fixed Assets
See note 1.4.2

5(b) Investments - (all endowment funds)

	2022 £		2021 £	
	Historical cost	Market value	Historical Cost	Market Value
1340 shares in CBF Investment fund	14,022	27,679	14,022	31,372
1428 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,306	1,598	2,306	2,262
CBF Deposit Fund	4,886	4,886	4,886	4,886
	21,214	34,163	21,214	38,520
Decrese in Market Value		(4,357)		

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6 CHURCH INSURANCE VALUATION

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in May 2022.
The Church buildings and contents are insured with the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office within a loss limit of £9,980,000.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets for church use	1,401	4,995	-	6,396	14,156
Investment fixed assets	-	-	34,523	34,523	38,520
Current Assets	166,693	13,384	8,283	188,360	186,355
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due in one year	(6,591)	(147)	-	(6,738)	(3,696)
Fund balance	161,503	18,232	42,806	222,541	235,335

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Income Tax recoverable	27,255	3,144	-	30,399	29,326
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	990	-	-	990	5,795
Other Debtors	2,008	-	-	2,008	605
	30,253	3,144	-	33,397	35,726

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Accruals and Deferred Income	(6,591)	(147)	-	(6,738)	(3,696)
	(6,591)	(147)	-	(6,738)	(3,696)

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10 UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED FUNDS

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:

	2022 £	2021 £
General Fund	111,383	129,702
Ministry Fund	7,547	7,547
Community and Overseas Mission	6,648	6,648
Legacy Fund	35,925	35,925
	161,503	179,822

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprised the following:

	2022 £	2021 £
Youth Ministry Fund	10,701	1,376
* Support for Mission	1,768	1,768
Donations/Equipment	5,763	6,409
	18,232	9,553

* Includes support for Angel Tree Project in Bolivia.

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The closing balance of the Endowment Funds comprised the following:

	2022 £	2021 £
FE Jones Missionary Account	37,517	40,294
Mary Woodcock Trust	1,306	1,299
Thomas Henry Cross Trust	499	516
Linen / Sunday School Trust - Fabric	2,788	3,164
Churchyard Trust	696	687
	42,806	45,960

The Frances Emily Jones Missionary Fund was established under a deed dated 27 October 1958 . The income is to be used for the purpose of Evangelical missions.
The Mary Woodcock Trust was established by a legacy of £1,000 on 25 May 1943. The income to be paid to the Church Missionary Society for work overseas.
The Thomas Henry Cross Trust was established on 19 August 1970. The income to be used towards the repair of the Parish Church.
The Linen and Sunday School Trusts income is to be used for upkeep of the church fabric.
The Churchyard Trust was established with a fixed capital of £500. The income to be used for the upkeep of the Church grounds.

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13 FUND DETAILS

The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus /(deficit) for the year are as follows :

		2022 £ Surplus/(Deficit)	2021 £ Surplus/(Deficit)
Unrestricted	General account	(18,319)	14,003
	Ministry Fund	-	-
	Community and Overseas Mission	-	-
	Legacy Fund		33,925
		(18,319)	47,928
Restricted			
	Youth Ministry	9,325	1,375
	Training Fund		-
	Mission Giving		(211)
	Equipment/Donations	(646)	(1,330)
		8,679	(166)
Endowment	F E Jones Missionary Fund	(2,777)	4,199
	Mary Woodcock Trust	7	14,003
	Thomas Henry Cross Trust	(17)	(9)
	Linen /Sunday School Trust-Fabric	(376)	354
	Churchyard Trust	9	1
		(3,154)	4,546
Total		(12,794)	52,308

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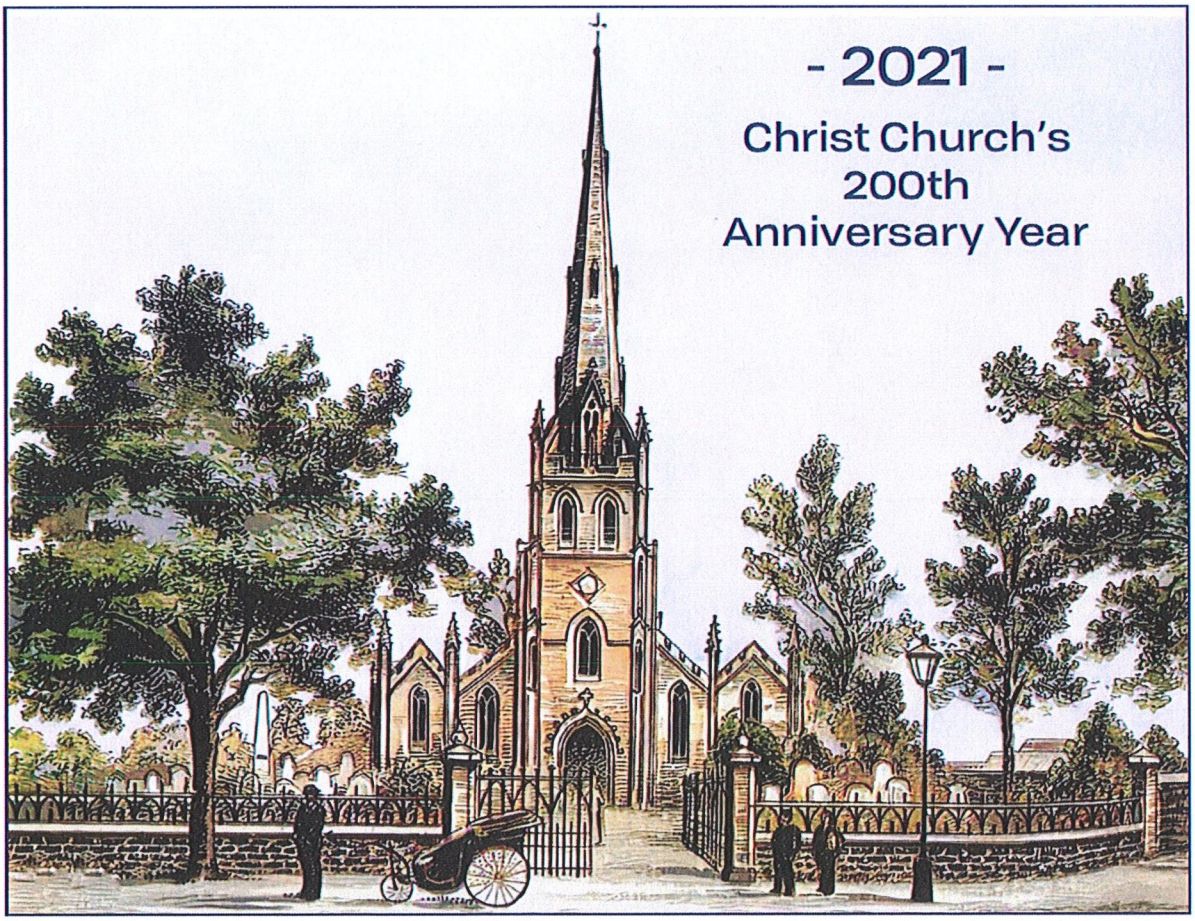
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Name:	Christ Church,
Address:	Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside PR8 1AA
Status:	Christ Church registered charity number: 1129342
Officers:	Members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Rev. Canon S McGanity*	Chairman, Ex-officio
Curate:	Rev. R Hill*	(from June 2021) Ex-officio
Self-sustaining minister	Rev. Rob Milton	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:		
	Mr David Griffiths	Ex-officio
	Mrs Angie Lewis	Vice-Chair Ex-officio
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr David Griffiths	
	Mrs Margaret King	PCC Secretary
	Mr Keran Lewis	
	Mr John Sexton*	
Elected Members:		
	Mr Mark Hague*	
	Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*	Treasurer
	Mrs Jan Lovegrove	
	Mrs Nicola Millington	
	Mr David Page	
	Mrs Katy Porter	
	Miss Lucy Porter	
	Mrs Rachel Rawcliffe	
	Mrs Lisa Rowe	
	Mr Chris Stephen	
	Mrs Hettie Taberner	
	Mr Steven Taylor	
Co-opted Members:	Mrs Emily Geering	

Ex-officio:	On the PCC because of their position.
Co-opted:	PCC members by invitation of the PCC.

*Trustees of Café 1821 Ltd

Professional Advisers:

Bankers:	HSBC PLC, 331 Lord Street, Southport
Independent Examiners:	OJ Grills Esq FCA J A Fell & Co 40 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PQ

Solicitors:	Hill Dickinson, 1 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ
Architects:	David Chapman, NJSR Chartered Architects 57-59 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PG

Day-to-day management control of the Church is exercised by the Clergy and Wardens contactable via the church office: 01704 531756, or the Church email: office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Christ Church Southport PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a registered charity: Number 1129342.
Related trusts: Vivesco Café (renamed Café 1821 Ltd in December 2019) operates as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (Number 1089182) with its own trustees and management group, who may be PCC members but not necessarily are.

Christ Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings complex on Lord Street, Southport, and is responsible for financial matters.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section two of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning its activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

The PCC is the body within Christ Church where policy, decision-making and accountabilities are determined. During 2021 there were the usual 6 PCC meetings, 3 were held in person and 3 via online Zoom, due to restrictions put in place by the Government following the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Standing Committee meets before the PCC meeting and considers and recommends actions and policy proposals, and consists of the clergy licensed to Christ Church, wardens, treasurer, PCC Secretary and two lay representatives from the PCC.

In 2021 a fortnightly staff meeting was held with the vicar, curate, SSM minister, wardens, treasurer, youth worker, administrator and pastoral coordinator for appraisal and forward planning.
When the need arises, small groups/sub-committees may be formed to discuss a particular issue relating to church life and report to the PCC.

STATEMENT OF PCC'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC, as trustees of the Church, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The PCC has considered all the risks which face the church and has identified and addressed the following critical areas:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a busy church, the PCC takes seriously the importance of safety for all who come onto the premises.

The PCC statement of general policy is to:

- Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work/church activities.
- Provide and maintain a safe environment and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees/volunteers and when necessary, any of the above mentioned.
- Ensure all employees/volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training where appropriate.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill-health.
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions.
- Review and revise this policy as required at regular intervals.

Safety and risk management is a shared responsibility and the PCC and Wardens are grateful to all who help by being vigilant and reporting potential dangers.

First Aid: First aid kits are easily accessible and a defibrillator is on-site along the main corridor. Matthew Hyde and Emily Stanford are both trained first-aiders.

Equipment: Annual, monthly and/or weekly checks are made to smoke alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire call points, the heating system and boiler with all checks being recorded. All electrical appliances are PAT tested regularly and the fire alarm system is checked regularly. The lightning conductor was last inspected in November 2019 in accordance with regulations.

Fire: There were seven certified Fire Marshalls for the building during 2021. An annual fire evacuation practice will be completed in 2022. The fire risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

Food Hygiene: Kitchen staff and volunteers are frequently updated regarding food hygiene and regularly attend courses.

Safety procedures: The Church's Health and Safety Policy ensures that the PCC meets the duty placed on it under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and is based on the Ecclesiastical Insurance's Health and Safety Policy template. It is reviewed annually.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Children & Young People's and Vulnerable Adults policies were reviewed in 2021. Emily Geering was appointed Safeguarding Officer and Stella Milton was appointed Safe Recruitment Officer and both help us comply with the requirements regarding Safeguarding. During the period Emily Geering was off sick Rev McGanity took on this roll.

They continue to keep updated on current changes and implement recommendations made by the Diocese. All volunteers working in these areas have been recruited safely and when necessary, DBS checks have been completed. All volunteers and PCC members are encouraged (or should it be expected) to complete the online training.

Christ Church adopts the Diocesan safeguarding policy, and a link to the Church of England's parish safeguarding handbook, "Promoting a Safer Church," which can be found on the homepage of our website.

DATA PROTECTION

Christ Church complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and treats personal information responsibly. The Christ Church Data Protection Privacy Notice can be found on the homepage of our website.
We continue to use ChurchSuite as a safe and secure way of handling the data of church members.

FINANCIAL RISK

The treasurer gives up-to-date information on the church finances to the PCC on a bi-monthly basis. Reserves are deposited with the Central Board of Finance. All major assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC and Treasurer, supported by the administration staff, continued to review procedures to improve internal controls.

OBJECTIVES

OUR VISION

We are a church at the heart of Southport, with a heart for Southport.

Our desire is to play our part in giving the people of Southport a hope filled future. We want to work with others in building effective bridges between church and community: to foster relationships with people of different generations, cultures and backgrounds -whether they have some religious faith or none. Our vision is that we might impact Southport with God's unconditional love and transforming power.

We believe the church should take seriously the command of Jesus to love God, and love our neighbours. In order to be effective in this, we will focus on the following:

GROWING PEOPLE
We want to be a church that encourages everyone to grow in their faith. We will do this by: providing accessible ways to help people accept the truth of the gospel and become more like Jesus; helping people find their own unique way of serving God; and encouraging people to make a difference, especially in our town.

BUILDING COMMUNIITY
We want to be a church that serves the people of our town by meeting specific needs so that lives are transformed. We will be a church where every member is equipped to serve and has confidence to share the gospel in an attractive and relevant way.

CHANGING LIVES
We want to be a church family which is characterised by relationships that are genuine, loving and transparent; where all people feel they can belong. For the next five years we will work on developing our ministries with young people, families and people of different nationalities in order to be a better representation of our town.

SEEKING THE POWER OF GOD
Through Bible based ministry and commitment to prayer, we want to be a church that sees the supernatural power of God at work amongst us. We will be intentional about seeking healing, hearing God and equipping our members with the understanding and skills to allow them to move in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BEING RELEVANT
We want to be a church that understands the reality of life for the people of our town: their hopes, fears, ambitions and challenges. We want to be continually relevant despite a rapidly changing context. So, we will be a church that seeks to observe and reflect on the community around us. We will not be afraid of change and be willing to adapt in order that we can better serve the present generation.

ACTIVITIES, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Clergy: The Reverend Canon Steve McGanity Incumbent was assisted by the Curate, the Reverend Bec Hill (from June 2021) and SSM minister Reverend Rob Milton.

SERVICES

Physical services - In January 2021, due to Covid 19 restrictions, the church was closed for services from 10th January until 19th March. From the 19th March, we then had in-person Sunday services at 9am, 10am and 11am. On 25th July service times became 9am and 11am, and then from December the times changed to 9.15am and 11am.

Online services - Throughout the year and through the lockdown periods, we continued to provide online services every Sunday. In addition to this, the online midweek series called Deeper continued, where the Sunday sermon and bible passage gets looked into in a deeper way.

We are grateful to those who help facilitate these services in 2021, including wardens and deputy wardens who maintained the safety of people in the building, those who served as welcomers, the PA and audio/visual teams, and those who volunteered to clean and wipe after each service to maintain the hygiene and safety of our church. Additionally we thank those who have given their time and creativity to setting up and hosting Zoom meetings and building our online presence on YouTube and social media.

Attendances - From January to July 2021, there were three in-person Sunday services, at 9am, 10am and 11am.

1st service average 27
2nd service average 26
3rd service average 46

From July to December 2021 there were two in-person Sunday services at 9am (in December 9.15am) and 11am.

1st service average 48
2nd service average 78

Online Sunday service average 150

Outdoor Services – Because of covid restrictions, we held a number of outdoor services.
On Easter Sunday - approximately 150 attendees.
Christ Church 200th anniversary – in September, approximately 150 attendees.
Carols At The Tree – a December carol concert at the Town Hall Christmas tree, approximately 300 attendees.

During the year 2021 there were 2 marriages, 3 funeral services and no baptisms at Christ Church. In January the annual Holocaust Memorial Service was cancelled due to Covid19. In November there was a 'Time to Remember Service' for those experiencing loss and bereavement.

Christmas Time - In December there was a Christingle Service, a Longest Night Service, a Christmas Eve Midnight Communion service and a Christmas Day service.

Electoral Roll: In 2021 the number on the Electoral Roll was 152.
Those who join the Electoral Roll are encouraged to read a 'Membership Resolve' expressing commitment to Christ Church by: 'Protecting its unity, sharing responsibility, serving its ministry and supporting its witness'.

Giving and Finance: The church family at Christ Church continued to give generously in 2021. A total of £178,807, including gift aid recovered, was given during the year which included £15,815 by way of one off donations. The Church received a legacy of £33,925, and a grant of £4,750 from the Diocese of Liverpool. In addition we received a grant of £6,451 from HM Revenue and Customs towards the cost of employees furloughed under the Job Retention Scheme. The accounts show a surplus of £14,002 on the general housekeeping account at the end of 2021. This will be used to finance expenditure in future years. The Church continued to meet all its financial commitments including the Parish Share (£83,977) which supports the mission of the church in the Diocese of Liverpool and mission giving of £16,582.

200th Anniversary of Christ Church: In September Christ Church celebrated its 200th anniversary with a marvelous exhibition of its long history, with stories about the people that made it what it is today. The display was in conjunction with the Heritage Week in Southport, which ran alongside other events of historic interest around the town. The Bishop of Liverpool came to celebrate this at a special outdoor service.

Small Groups & Missional Communities:
These small groups continued to play an important part in the life and ministry of Christ Church. During times of lockdown, to maintain their strong fellowship and togetherness, most were able to join together online in Zoom meetings or outdoor in parks or local gardens. As restrictions lifted, most groups were again able to meet together inside.

Prayer: In November 2021 there was a Weekend of Prayer to celebrate Christ Church's 200th anniversary. There were also regular online prayer meetings.

Pastoral Care: A great thank you to the Pastoral Team whose work goes on behind the scenes, for helping those struggling. During lockdown periods the Pastoral Team increased their efforts by telephone, trying to keep in touch on a regular basis with those who value their support.

Asylum Seekers: During the lockdown the Scarisbrick Hotel became home to a large number of asylum seekers, from many different countries. During March and April 2021 we hosted Wednesday morning drop-in times for them, to come and seek advice, to pick up warm clothes, and to participate in beginner English lessons. We thank all the volunteers for helping with this.

Regular Groups: After a long period of lockdown, in September our regular groups of Tuesday at Two, Midweek Music and Bereavement Support restarted. An Alpha Course also ran from October to December.

Cafe 1821: The café is an important aspect of the ministry at Christ Church. It opened after the pandemic restrictions in May 2021 and continues its ministry with staff and volunteers. The café is a separate legal entity from the church.

Wider Church Community: Christ Church has four PCC members who attend the Deanery Synod and Rev Steve McGanity is also the Area Dean of the North Meols Deanery, and a representative on the General Synod. Steve was also appointed Priest-In-Charge of St Philips with Wesley. The clergy attend the monthly Chapter meeting which is a discussion and support group and the Ministers fraternal which has members from all denominations. Steve McGanity continued to mentor a local missional leader at All Saints and from June 2021 mentors the curates at Christ Church, St James and St Philips with Wesley.

YOUTH, KIDS' AND MINIS' WORK

The past year has been one of new beginnings and a time to help children and young people to rediscover the joy of time spent together.

We have:

- Partnered with Compassion Acts to offer a week of holiday activities and food.
- Continued our partnerships with Hettie and Tabz and SASWT as we have assisted them in schools and they have helped us to restart our Friday night youth work.
- We relaunched the youth group in September with a pizza party and have been running a monthly group since then.
- We restarted our Sunday morning youth provision on a fortnightly basis.
- Sunday morning CCS Kids/Minis restarted in September as one group and has grown throughout the year as families have come back and new ones joined.
- We have also been working to provide children and families with opportunities to reconnect with church and one another through shared lunches and the launch of a new missional community. So far this has been encouraging.

A huge Thank You to everyone who has be involved in restarting our children and youth work, it has been challenging and rewarding but most of all it has been great to show the love of Jesus to the littlest in our community after the challenges of the last 2 years and see them respond and grow.

MISSION IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

We continue to support the following organizations and mission partners in prayer, financially and practically.

A Rocha, Watamu, Kenya – Colin Jackson (his wife Roni and son Kai). A Rocha is a global family of conservation organizations working together, in response to the worldwide crisis of biodiversity loss, to carry out community-based conservation projects. Colin is national director for A Rocha, Kenya and is an authority on bird migration and the need for conservation of habitats for endangered species. Colin provides vision and direction for the overall conservation work of A Rocha in Kenya, leading the team in its various projects and research. He is also involved in bird conservation at a national level, with the Kenya Bird Map. Colin is involved in supporting children and young people in education to improve their job opportunities through the Assets programme. He is based in Watamu on the

coast at the Mwamba Field Study Centre where projects are ongoing to help local people farm more effectively to conserve the environment, monitor oceanic species and help in their conservation and to protect endangered forest. Dakatcha Woodland KBA, a key biodiversity area, is critical forest for the conservation of 13 IUCN Red Listed species. (International Union for Conservation of Nature.) It is currently being cleared for charcoal and agriculture at an alarming rate. A Rocha Kenya is purchasing land to create a Nature Reserve and safeguard this indigenous forest and its threatened wildlife. More information is at https://www.arocha.or.ke/

Church Mission Society, South Sudan – Lynn Treneary came home on leave to the UK for several months during 2021 in order to have surgery. She returned to Maridi diocese on November 3rd and her role includes being general assistant and English teacher at Chaima, helping to build a new website for Chaima College, assistant to the Mothers Union, helping with the many orphans from a tanker explosion and the civil war, and general assistant to the Bishop. As well as deacon at the cathedral, Lynn is chaplain to a school and has helped a local football team, run by her watchman, acquire kit to help occupy the children and young people as there are few fun activities for them. Lynn enjoyed performing her first baptisms on her return – nine babies in one service! CCS responded to a request from Lynn to help with finances for the local nursery school to provide food, supplies and salaries as resources were low. More information is at https://churchmissionsociety.org/people-in-mission/lynn-treneary/

Latin Link, Bolivia – Julie Noble continues to work with Prison Fellowship International in Oruro and supports the Angel Tree Centre programme working with prisoners' children and their families. Her work has been severely affected by the pandemic and many projects were suspended during local lockdowns. However, she was heavily involved with distribution of aid to those in need including an influx of refugees from Venezuela. Food parcels, clothing and hygiene packs were given out from money donated to her team and when possible, the prisoners were included by being given hygiene packs and study material as any visiting was restricted. The team had to wear PPE as they went round those in need and curfews were often in place. Julie is involved leading bible studies and Restorative Justice again and is also involved with the drug and rehabilitation centre. Julie came back to the UK in May for family reasons and was able to return to Bolivia in September. She took the opportunity to catch up on a great deal of work online as well as building up her strength to return to Oruro and her work that is now getting back towards pre-pandemic levels. Julie has also been studying for an MA in Creative Writing which will help her record her experiences of over 20 years on mission in South America. More information is at https://www.latinlink.org.uk/

Youth with a Mission (YWAM), South Africa – Sarah Beriyth is passionate to share the Good News of the Gospel with unreached people, which she estimates at 2 billion people worldwide. Her Sandbox project is gaining momentum. She has cut out lots of wooden shapes in order to tell the Bible stories by placing them in a large tray of sand. She has filmed many of the stories during the year – not without many problems to overcome including sufficient finance and suitable machinery! Sarah is presently looking for translators to overlay the films in different languages so that the stories can be understood by those who have never heard about Jesus and God's love for them. The Sandboxes are also used in face-to-face groups during discussions with people to see where they see themselves fitting into the story. See www.sandboxbible.com Sarah leads local Bible studies where she lives and has been overwhelmed by the response as she has had to provide extra group sessions to fulfil the interest of local people.

Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT)
For details of the charity see https://saswtrust.com/ and learn how the team help children in our area.
The pandemic has had an impact on the work of the team going into schools to take part in lessons. Due to pupils studying at home the team have produced a variety of online material. (See the website for details.) Connect Kids went out weekly to provide bible-based teaching in a fun and interactive way and was used by CCS to keep in touch with our children and families. Safe Spaces in the yard is an initiative set up by the team last summer in response to a year of limited in-person contact. It is an opportunity for youth in secondary schools to connect with the team within the rules of Covid restrictions and with a focus on mental health support. This has proved highly successful as many young people have engaged with the team and been positively helped after the period of isolation in lockdowns and restrictions.

Samaritan's Purse used CCS as a collection point again in 2021 for Operation Christmas Child sending shoeboxes filled with gifts around the world.

Tearfund was supported again this year by individuals and by the sale of Christmas Cards.

Evangelical Alliance was supported by CCS with a financial gift.

Compassion Acts (CA) formed a partnership in 2021 with CCS providing a monthly Community Food Market. Guests are invited by CA to attend CCS where they can purchase a selection of food at vastly reduced cost. It is a step forward from the CA Food Bank as the guests are still struggling to cover all their living costs. Work is progressing towards providing cookery courses and budgeting to help guests prepare healthy food at a reasonable cost. Guest are also able to have tea/ coffee and a chat with volunteers so that it has a social element as well as purchasing food. At present only non-perishable items are available but it is hoped to be able to provide some fresh produce in 2022 as well as increase the social interaction. CCS collected donations of food at the annual Harvest Service and provides many of the volunteers for the monthly market as well as a storage facility for the food.

ADMINISTRATION

Church Staff: During 2021 Matthew Hyde continued his role as administrator alongside his other duties as Buildings Manager. In January the PCC decided that, due to the effects that the covid pandemic was having on church activities, they should take advantage of the Government's flexible furlough scheme and so Matthew was flexibly furloughed for the period 25th January till 31st August. During that time he worked 50% of his usual hours. He returned to work full time on 1st September.

In June 2019 Gary Harland was employed for two years as a part time caretaker. His contract came to an end at the beginning of June 2021. The PCC decided not to renew his contract due to the fact that the building was not being used as much during the week as a result of the covid pandemic and so there was no need for that role. This will be reviewed in the future.

Emily Geering continued to be employed as our Children's and Youth Worker. However following a serious accident in May she was on sick leave for the rest of the year.

Our 'staff' is far wider than those who are employed by the church or who are in a leadership role. We rely on the generous service of all those who serve voluntarily, and indeed, we could not function without them.
A big thank you goes to all who use their gifts and talents at Christ Church in order to serve Jesus.

Church Buildings and Fabric: Matthew Hyde continued in his role as buildings manager, overseeing the running and maintenance of the building, assisted by our caretaker Gary Harland until Gary's contract came to an end at the beginning of June.
Following the Covid19 restrictions, the Church had to function within guidelines laid down by the Government and the Diocese of Liverpool.
We are very grateful to Dave Griffiths, our Church Warden, who took responsibility for writing and updating all the necessary risk assessments during the year to ensure that those who came into the building were kept safe. All the necessary sanitization equipment was put in place, the building was well signposted with socially distancing signs and a cleaning regime so the building was 'Covid secure' and those who entered the building were kept as safe as possible. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who help with this.

The building has been kept well-maintained during 2021 and we took the opportunity to do some much needed repairs and redecoration to the fabric of the building.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The impact of the Covid 19 pandemic continued to have a significant effect on the life and finances of the Church during 2021. However we are very grateful to all those who continued to give so generously to the work and ministry of Christ Church during the year and are also grateful for the legacy of £33,920 left to Christ Church by the late Irene Sutton.
We continued to take advantage of the Government's Job Retention Scheme and claimed grant monies (£6,451) to help with the wage costs of our part time caretaker and cleaner and from January we flexibly furloughed our Office Administrator for 50% of his usual working hours.
In June we welcomed Rev R Hill as Curate. This increased our clergy housing costs but we were grateful to the Diocese of Liverpool who gave us a grant of £3,750 towards these costs.
As our week day activities resumed towards the end of the year our income from charitable activities increased slightly.
We continued to give 10% of our general giving and donations to support our mission partners at home and overseas. However part of this income was used to finance the activities and exhibition to celebrate our 200th anniversary and also a town centre outdoor carol service.
Our expenditure in 2021 was significantly lower than the previous year. There are several reasons for this.
We received an unexpected refund of £16,087 from our bank which related to bank charges which had been incorrectly charged to us as a charity dating back to 2005. This is shown as a reduction in expenditure. The money received was partly used to finance works to our heating and lighting systems which will hopefully reduce expenditure on utilities in future years.
The Diocese were able to offer parishes a small rebate on their Parish Share allocation. The reduction in week day activities due to the continuing effects of the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in a further reduction in our utility bills in 2021.
The accounts show that the salary paid to our Youth Worker was significantly lower in 2021. This was due to the fact that she had a serious accident in May and was on sick leave for the rest of the year.
The effects of the above resulted in our accounts showing an overall surplus of £52,307, £14,002 of which was on the general housekeeping account. However without the exceptional item of refund of bank charges the Church would have only just been able to finance its regular expenditure from its general housekeeping account. However the surplus at the end of 2021 will have increased our cash reserves which will be used in 2022 as we adjust to a new normal and learn to live with the effects of Covid as we develop our vison and ministry.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The last two years have made this part of the annual report more difficult as the one thing we have realised is that during a pandemic it becomes next to impossible to plan for the future as the future is so uncertain. As I write this it looks like we have reached a turning point in our journey through this time and the future is more about living with this virus. This provides us now with the opportunity to look to the future with more hope and certainty.

Before I do that let me thank you for the incredible way that you, as Christ Church, have shown incredible grace and hope through this time. The pandemic has hit every church negatively, but as I look now at CCS I see a church that is looking to the future with hope and faith. Amongst the difficulties we can also see so many positives and so much to be thankful for. Thank you for being an amazing church!

This year we are focusing on equipping for mission. This is about giving you the skills and confidence you need to be the people of God in this town and to reach out to those around with the love and truth of God. We are not necessarily looking at starting new things during this time – we are focusing on equipping – but I hope that by the end of the year we might have ideas and suggestions of things for us to work on. Some of this has already happened with the start of the Café Church on a Sunday morning which has connected with so many people already.

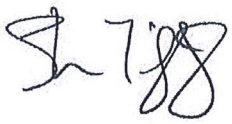
We are also going to focus on developing the prayer life of the church. All mission has to have prayer as its foundation otherwise we are simply trying to do something in our own strength and ability and not in the power of God. So, we will be looking at ways to encourage corporate prayer and intercession.

Finally, this is a year to restart and rebuild something that have been difficult to do face to face over the last 2 years. We are relaunching our pastoral team with some new members and a slightly different focus. We are looking to rebuild our children's and youth work again. In this, as with other areas of church life, we need to rebuild the volunteer teams who make these things happen.

I hope that you are looking to the future of CCS with as much excitement and hope as I am. Let me encourage you to engage wholeheartedly in the things we are trying to do in this coming year.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Rev Steve McGanity (Chairman)



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church, Southport on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out on pages 13 to 24 of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

  have not been met, nor

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.



Date: 29/3/22

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Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	207,501	16,432	-	223,933	202,000
Other trading activities	2(b)	-	-	-	-	2,749
Investments	2(c)	107	-	781	888	1,069
Charitable activities	2(d)	11,732	-	-	11,732	10,876
Total income and endowments		219,340	16,432	781	236,553	216,694
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Grants made in furtherance of PCC's objectives	3(a)	14,833	1,749	-	16,582	22,164
Activities directly relating to work of the Church	3(b)	156,580	14,849	-	171,429	204,370
Total expenditure		171,413	16,598	-	188,011	226,534
Gains on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5(b)	-	-	3,765	3,765	1,849
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	-	3,765	3,765	1,849
Net income/(expenditure)	13	47,927	(166)	4,546	52,307	(7,991)
Total funds brought forward		131,894	9,719	41,414	183,027	191,018
Total funds carried forward		**179,821**	**9,553**	**45,960**	**235,334**	**183,027**

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2021	TOTAL 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5(a)	7,911	6,245	-	14,156	21,916
Investment	5(b)	-	-	38,520	38,520	34,755
		7,911	6,245	38,520	52,676	56,671
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	32,677	3,049	-	35,726	40,073
Cash at bank and in hand		142,930	259	7,440	150,629	92,728
		175,607	3,308	7,440	186,355	132,801
LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(3,697)	-	-	(3,697)	(6,445)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		171,910	3,308	7,440	182,658	126,356
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	179,821	9,553	45,960	235,334	183,027
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted	10	179,821	-	-	179,821	131,894
Restricted	11	-	9,553	-	9,553	9,719
Endowment	12	-	-	45,960	45,960	41,414
		179,821	9,553	45,960	235,334	183,027

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 22nd March 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Canon Steve McGanity
Vicar

Angela Lewis
Church Warden

E. Lacey

Elizabeth Lacey
PCC Treasurer

The notes on page 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c)of the Charities Act 2011 .

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings
At its meeting on 22nd January 2013 the PCC agreed to take out of Fixed Assets the value at cost of the original hall complex and the hall extension (£150,000). Since the redevelopment of the Church in 1995 the Hall Complex is an integral part of the Church building and therefore is not deemed to be an asset which the PCC could dispose of. The property is considered to be excluded from the accounts by virtue of Section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Charitable Activities
1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings, office equipment and Piano
Equipment and fixture and fittings used within the church complex are written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straight-line basis over the number years set out below:

	Years
Catering equipment	10
Printers	5
Video camera, TV, computers etc.	5
Piano	10

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

1.6 Reserves

The PCC is encouraged to hold reserves to meet regular anticipated expenses for three months unrestricted expenditure which would amount to around £42,850. This figure was considerably lower in 2021 compared with previous years because of the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic and the fact that we had a large refund of bank charges incorrectly charged in previous years.
At present the unrestricted net current assets stand at £171,910. This is more than enough to cover our usual three months unrestricted expenditure.

1.7 Risk Management

The PCC considers the following risks may affect the continuing ministry of the church:

> Operational related to the church buildings.
> Statutory and legal relating to Protection for All, Health and Safety, and Charities Act governance.
> Financial relating to reductions in income or excessive expenditure.
> Reputation from adverse publicity.

Steps are in place to minimise these risks by specific volunteers monitoring the buildings and the statutory responsibilities. The PCC prepares an annual budget and monitors and reviews the financial performance as well as operational and statutory matters at its regular meetings.

1.8 Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2(a)	**Donations and legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aided donations	93,503	11,244	-	104,747	111,808
	Tax recoverable	23,395	3,048	-	26,443	27,849
	Other	20,967	840	-	21,807	20,539
	Collections (loose cash)	7,995	-	-	7,995	4,464
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	2,000	-	-	2,000	1,138
	Donations, appeals etc	14,515	1,300	-	15,815	24,558
	Grant	11,201	-	-	11,201	9,644
	Legacies	33,925	-	-	33,925	2,000
		207,501	16,432	-	223,933	202,000
2(b)	**Other trading activities**					
	Fund raising	-	-	-	-	2,749
		-	-	-	-	2,749
2(c)	**Investments**					
	Investment income	85	-	780	865	875
	Bank interest	22	-	1	23	194
		107	-	781	888	1,069
2(d)	**Charitable Activities**					
	Letting income from premises	4,628	-	-	4,628	2,420
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	975	-	-	975	604
	Printing etc	238	-	-	238	567
	Events and catering	1,059	-	-	1,059	527
	Tuesday at Two	2,625	-	-	2,625	2,137
	CCS Minis(formerly Family Day)	-	-	-	-	312
	Mid Week Music	1,384	-	-	1,384	931
	Discretionary	500	-	-	500	-
	Compensation Water Plus	-	-	-	-	3,378
	200th Anniversary	323	-	-	323	-
		11,732	-	-	11,732	10,876
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	219,340	16,432	781	236,553	216,694

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
	Charitable Activities					
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas:					
	A Rocha	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	CMS	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	Latin Link	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	Bolivia(Angel Tree Project)	-	350	-	350	440
	Lynn Treneary	300	500	-	800	1,513
	Christ the King Nursery SAchoolMaridi	633	688	-	1,321	-
	Colin and Roni Jackson	300	-	-	300	300
	Julie Noble	300	-	-	300	300
	SA Breedt	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,800
	United Christian Broadcasting	-	-	-	-	79
	Bolivia	-	-	-	-	2,649
	Home Missions					
	Evangelical Alliance	200	-	-	200	200
	Schools Worker Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	Schools Worker	300	-	-	300	300
	St John's Crossens	-	-	-	-	2,000
	Southport Homeless/Disadvantaged	-	-	-	-	-
	Asylum Seekers	-	211	-	211	1,583
		14,833	1,749	-	16,582	22,164

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
3(b)	Ministry:					
	Diocesan Parish Share	83,977	-	-	83,977	88,591
	Clergy expenses	2,629	-	-	2,629	3,401
	Clergy housing	13,626	-	-	13,626	10,687
	Youth Worker Costs	-	13,519	-	13,519	24,251
	Property costs:					
	Church and halls					
	Electric, gas and water	7,301	-	-	7,301	9,323
	Insurance	4,586	-	-	4,586	4,573
	Repairs renewals and cleaning	17,963	-	-	17,963	19,084
	Depreciation church equipment	6,510	1,250	-	7,760	7,884
	Upkeep of services					
	Communion wine, glasses, palm crosses, music software	18	-	-	18	255
	Equipment					
	Small items of furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-	372
	Books, Teaching materials, Resources	1,987	-	-	1,987	313
	Other property costs					
	Cafe Refurbishment					
	Other activities					
	Events and catering	896	-	-	896	691
	200th Anniversary	1,567	-	-	1,567	-
	First Aid training	-	-	-	-	551
	Mid Week Music	734	80	-	814	323
	Tuesday at Two costs	2,307	-	-	2,307	1,700
	CCS Minis	-	-	-	-	128
	Youth activities costs	733	-	-	733	322
	Discretionary	165	-	-	165	25
	Sundries	2,183	-	-	2,183	2,311
	Support costs					
	Salaries and Wages	19,185	-	-	19,185	20,356
	Printing, Stationery, posters, advertising etc	1,889	-	-	1,889	2,623
	Postage and telephones	1,176	-	-	1,176	2,399
	Website/Social Media	299	-	-	299	567
	Church Suite	726	-	-	726	718
	Office equipment repairs	-	-	-	-	581
	Bank Charges	524	-	-	524	696
	Refund of Bank Charges charged in error	(16,087)	-	-	(16,087)	-
	Governance					
	Administration	523	-	-	523	520
	Independent Examination	1,086	-	-	1,086	1,050
	Generation of voluntary income					
	Cost of appeals etc	77	-	-	77	75
		156,580	14,849	-	171,429	204,370
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	171,413	16,598	-	188,011	226,534

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4 STAFF COSTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
4(a)	Wages and Salaries	21,800	13,125	34,925	49,919
	National Insurance Costs	-	-	-	525
	Pensions	573	394	967	1,299
		22,373	13,519	35,892	51,743

In 2021 the PCC employed a Buildings Manager/Office Administrator who did not earn £60,000 or more.
In 2019 the PCC employed a caretaker to work 14 hours a week. His contract came to an end at the beginning of June 2021 and he was not replaced, due to the fact that the building was not used as much in the week as a result of the Covid pandemic.
The PCC also paid for a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager for an hour a week
At the end of the year the employees equated to 1 full time equivalent.

Within unrestricted staff costs is a figure of £2,688 in respect of the caretaker and cleaning assistant. The expenditure is shown under repairs and cleaning see note 3(b) to the accounts.
Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the church building was closed and there were no day time activities for part of 2021.
The PCC decided that all three employees were suitable for being flexibly furloughed under the Government Job Retention Scheme. They received 80% of their wage for the hours they were furloughed. However the PCC did honour a pay award with effect from 1st April 2021.
The Church claimed £6,452 grant towards these wage costs. This is shown within the grants figure see note 2(a) in the accounts.

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Lovegrove is a PCC member and is employed as a cafe manager by Café 1821 Ltd.

Mrs E Lacey is a PCC member and also acts as a Trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
Mrs H Taberner is employed as a schools worker by the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust. They do not receive any personal benefit.

4(c) Café 1821 Ltd

In February 2021 a formal agreement between the PCC and Café 1821 was put in place in respect of the Café contributing to running expenses.
The Café are required to contribute £5,000 per year together with their share of utility costs. The £5,000 rent was subsequently reduced to £125 per month for the first year of trading from February 2021.
However Café 1821 Ltd's trade continued to be severely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and the Café was closed until the end of May 2021 and slowly built up through the rest of the year.
Consequently at its meeting on 11th May 2021 Minute 2820 the PCC agreed that any licence fee should be waived until 1st July.
The Cafe operates to further the Charitable objectives and mission of the Church.

Mr M Hague, Mrs E Lacey, Rev S McGanity, and Mr J Sexton continued as Directors of Café 1821 Ltd and are also PCC members. Rev R Hill is also a PCC member and was appointed as a Director with effect from October 2021. Mrs S Milligan is a Director and was also a PCC member until May 2021.
They do not receive any remuneration or financial benefit for being Directors.

4(d) OTHER PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no other disclosable transactions with PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Church Equipment Unrestricted £	Church Equipment Restricted £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2021	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021	-	73,807	3,750	77,557
Charge for the year	-	6,510	1,250	7,760
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2021	-	80,317	5,000	85,317
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2021	-	7,911	6,245	14,156
At 31 December 2020	-	14,421	7,495	21,916

Freehold land and buildings
The value of the original hall complex and extension has been taken out of Fixed Assets
See note 1.4.2

5(b) Investments - (all endowment funds)

	2021 £		2020 £	
	Historical cost	Market value	Historical Cost	Market Value
1340 shares in CBF Investment fund	14,022	31,372	14,022	27,446
1428 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,306	2,262	2,306	2,423
CBF Deposit Fund	4,886	4,886	4,886	4,886
	21,214	38,520	21,214	34,755
Increase in Market Value		3,765		

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6 CHURCH INSURANCE VALUATION

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in October 2017 . The insurance valuation of the church buildings is £5,312,753 and contents £246,000. With a total loss limit of £8,870,000

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed assets for church use	7,911	6,245	-	14,156	21,916
Investment fixed assets	-	-	38,520	38,520	34,755
Current Assets	175,607	3,308	7,440	186,355	132,801
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due in one year	(3,697)	-	-	(3,697)	(6,445)
Fund balance	179,821	9,553	45,960	235,334	183,027

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income Tax recoverable	26,277	3,049	-	29,326	32,192
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	5,795	-	-	5,795	7,671
Other Debtors	605	-	-	605	210
	32,677	3,049	-	35,726	40,073

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accruals and Deferred Income	(3,697)	-	-	(3,697)	(6,445)
	(3,697)	-	-	(3,697)	(6,445)

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10 UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED FUNDS

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:

	2021	2020
	£	£
General Fund	129,701	115,699
Ministry Fund	7,547	7,547
Community and Overseas Mission	6,648	6,648
Legacy Fund	35,925	2,000
	179,821	131,894

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The closing balance of Restricted Funds comprised the following:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Youth Ministry Fund	1,375	-
* Support for Mission	1,769	1,980
Equipment	6,409	7,739
	9,553	9,719

* Includes support for Angel Tree Project in Bolivia.

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The closing balance of the Endowment Funds comprised the following:

	2021	2020
	£	£
FE Jones Missionary Account	40,294	36,095
Mary Woodcock Trust	1,299	1,298
Thomas Henry Cross Trust	516	525
Linen / Sunday School Trust - Fabric	3,164	2,810
Churchyard Trust	687	686
	45,960	41,414

The Frances Emily Jones Missionary Fund was established under a deed dated 27 October 1958 . The income is to be used for the purpose of Evangelical missions.
The Mary Woodcock Trust was established by a legacy of £1,000 on 25 May 1943. The income to be paid to the Church Missionary Society for work overseas.
The Thomas Henry Cross Trust was established on 19 August 1970. The income to be used towards the repair of the Parish Church.
The Linen and Sunday School Trusts income is to be used for upkeep of the church fabric.
The Churchyard Trust was established with a fixed capital of £500. The income to be used for the upkeep of the Church grounds.

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13 FUND DETAILS

The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus / (deficit) for the year are as follows :

		2021 £ Surplus/(Deficit)	2020 £ Surplus/(Deficit)
Unrestricted	General account	14,002	(12,035)
	Ministry Fund	-	-
	Community and Overseas Mission	-	568
	Legacy Fund	33,925	2,000
		47,927	(9,467)
Restricted			
	Youth Ministry	1,375	(125)
	Training Fund	-	(139)
	Mission Giving	(211)	417
	Equipment	(1,330)	(1,325)
		(166)	(1,172)
Endowment	F E Jones Missionary Fund	4,199	2,460
	Mary Woodcock Trust	1	6
	Thomas Henry Cross Trust	(9)	5
	Linen /Sunday School Trust-Fabric	354	174
	Churchyard Trust	1	3
		4,546	2,648
Total		52,307	(7,991)

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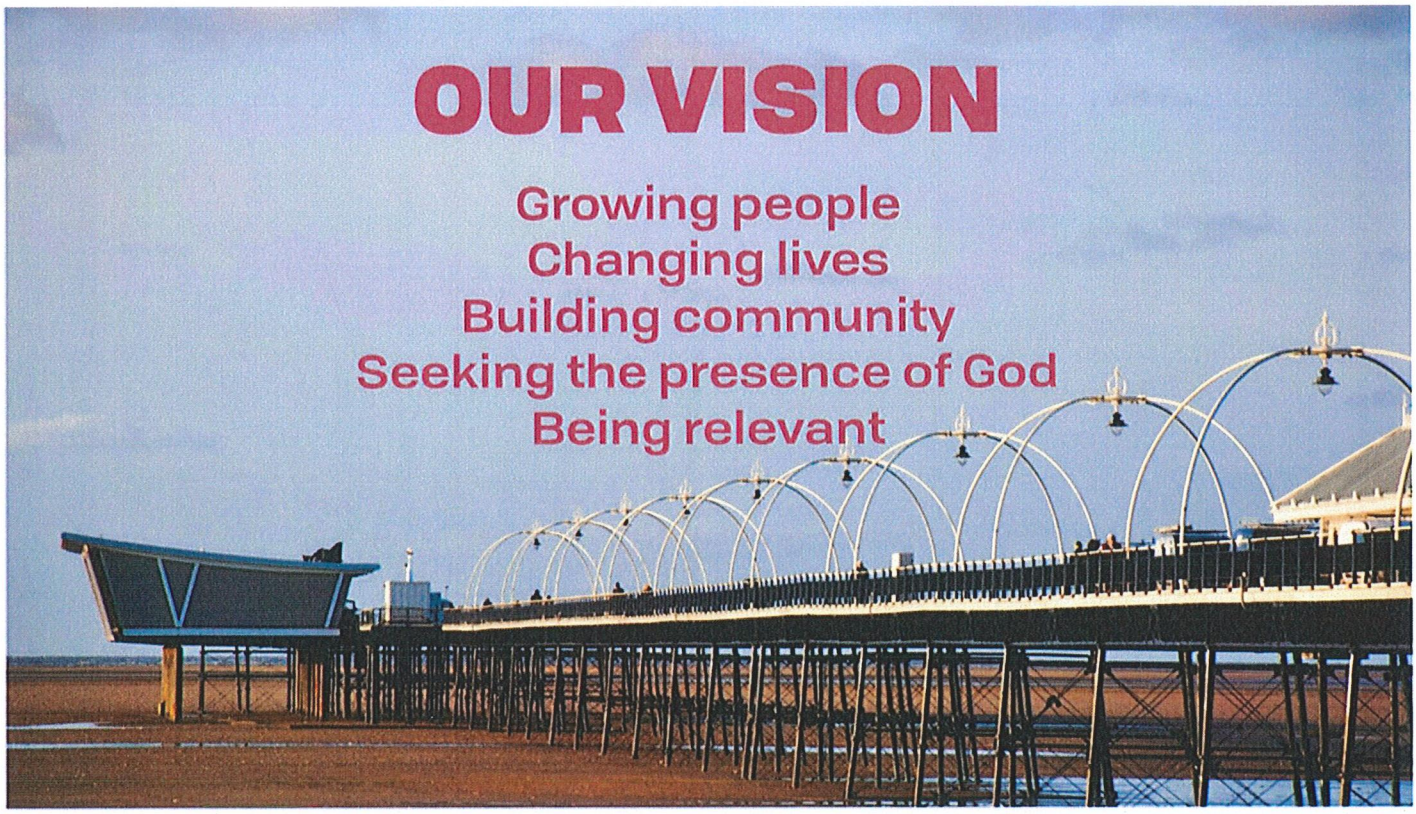
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:

Name:	Christ Church,
Address:	Lord Street, Southport, Merseyside PR8 1AA
Status:	Christ Church registered charity number: 1129342
Officers:	Members of the Parochial Church Council are either ex-officio, co-opted or elected by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in accordance with the Church Representation Rules.

During the year, the following served as members of the PCC:

Vicar:	Rev. Canon S McGanity*	Chairman, Ex-officio
Curate:	Rev. S Renison*	(to September 2020) Ex-officio
Self-sustaining minister	Rev. Rob Milton	Ex-officio
Churchwardens:		
	Mr David Griffiths	Ex-officio
	Mrs Angie Lewis	Vice-Chair Ex-officio
Deanery Synod Representatives:		
	Mr Mark Hague*	(to October 2020)
	Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*	(to October 2020) Treasurer
	Mrs Angie Lewis	(to October 2020)
	Mrs Sheila Milligan*	(to October 2020)
	Mr David Griffiths	(from October 2020)
	Mrs Margaret King	(from October 2020) PCC Secretary
	Mr Keran Lewis	(from October 2020)
	Mr John Sexton*	(from October 2020)
Elected Members:		
	Mrs M Brew	(to October 2020)
	Mr Mark Hague*	(from October 2020)
	Mrs Jennie Higham	(from October 2020)
	Mr Gerard Homer	(to October 2020)
	Mrs Elizabeth Lacey*	(from October 2020) Treasurer
	Mrs Jan Lovegrove	
	Mrs Nicola Millington	
	Mr David Page	
	Mrs Pam Pomfret	(to October 2020)
	Mrs Katy Porter	
	Miss Lucy Porter	
	Mrs Rachel Rawcliffe (nee Lacey)	
	Mrs Lizi Rothwell	(to October 2020)
	Mr Jo Rowe	
	Mr Chris Stephen	(from October 2020)
	Mrs Hettie Taberner	
Co-opted Members:		
	Miss Emily Stanford	Safeguarding & Youth Worker
	Mrs Margaret King	(to October 2020) PCC Secretary

Ex-officio:	On the PCC because of their position
Co-opted:	PCC members by invitation of the PCC

*Trustees of Café 1821 Ltd

Professional Advisers:

Bankers:	HSBC PLC, 331 Lord Street, Southport
Independent Examiners:	JA Fell & Company, Chartered Accountants 40 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PQ
Solicitors:	Hill Dickinson, 1 St Paul's Square, Liverpool L3 9SJ
Architects:	David Chapman, NJSR Chartered Architects 57-59 Hoghton Street, Southport PR9 0PG

Day-to-day management control of the Church is exercised by the Clergy and Wardens contactable via the church office: 01704 531756, or the Church email: office@christchurchsouthport.org.uk

STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Christ Church Southport PCC is a body corporate and operates under the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 and the Church Representation Rules. The PCC is a registered charity: Number 1129342.
Related trusts: Vivesco Café (renamed Café 1821 Ltd in December 2019) operates as a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee (Number 1089182) with its own trustees and management group, who may be PCC members but not necessarily are.

Christ Church's PCC has the responsibility of co-operating with the Clergy, in promoting in the ecclesiastical parish, the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. It has maintenance responsibilities for the church buildings complex on Lord Street, Southport, and is responsible for financial matters.

The general functions of the PCC are stated within section two of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956. When planning its activities for the year, the PCC gave consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in particular the specific guidance to charities concerned with advancement of religion.

The PCC is the body within Christ Church where policy, decision-making and accountabilities are determined. During 2020 there were the usual 6 PCC meetings, 2 were held in person and 4 via online Zoom due to restrictions put in place by the Government following the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic.

The Standing Committee meets before the PCC meeting and considers and recommends actions and policy proposals, and consists of the clergy licensed to Christ Church, wardens, treasurer and two lay representatives from the PCC.

In 2020 a fortnightly staff meeting was held with the vicar, curate, SSM minister, wardens, treasurer, youth worker, administrator and pastoral coordinator for appraisal and forward planning.
When the need arises, small groups/sub-committees may be formed to discuss a particular issue relating to church life and report to the PCC.

The Vision Group met once in 2020, to discuss how to progress and implement the five year plan to fulfil the Vision, particularly in view of impact of Covid 19. (The Vision can be seen on the front page and in more detail on page 6.)
The PCC is kept in touch with the discussions of these groups and continues to exercise oversight in all areas of church life and receives regular reports from those who coordinate specific ministries within the church.

STATEMENT OF PCC'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the PCC, as trustees of the Church, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK ASSESSMENTS

The PCC has considered all the risks which face the church and has identified and addressed the following critical areas:

HEALTH AND SAFETY

As a busy church, the PCC takes seriously the importance of safety for all who come onto the premises.

The PCC statement of general policy is to:

- Provide adequate control of the health and safety risks arising from our work/church activities.
- Provide and maintain a safe environment and equipment.
- Ensure safe handling and use of substances.
- Provide information, instruction and supervision for employees/volunteers and when necessary, any of the above mentioned.
- Ensure all employees/volunteers are competent to do their tasks and to give them adequate training where appropriate.
- Prevent accidents and cases of work-related ill-health.
- Maintain safe and healthy working conditions.
- Review and revise this policy as required at regular intervals.

Safety and risk management is a shared responsibility and the PCC and Wardens are grateful to all who help by being vigilant and reporting potential dangers.

First Aid: First aid kits are easily accessible and a defibrillator is on-site along the main corridor. Matthew Hyde and Emily Stanford are both trained first-aiders.

Equipment: Annual, monthly and/or weekly checks are made to smoke alarms, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, fire call points, the heating system and boiler with all checks being recorded. All electrical appliances are PAT tested every year and the fire alarm system is checked regularly. The lightning conductor was last inspected in November 2019 in accordance with regulations.

Fire: There were seven certified Fire Marshalls for the building during 2020. An annual fire evacuation practice will be completed in 2021. The fire risk assessment is updated on an annual basis.

Food Hygiene: Kitchen staff and volunteers are frequently updated regarding food hygiene and regularly attend courses.

Safety procedures: The Church's Health and Safety Policy ensures that the PCC meets the duty placed on it under Section 2(3) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and is based on the Ecclesiastical Insurance's Health and Safety Policy template. It is reviewed annually.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Children & Young People's and Vulnerable Adults policies were reviewed in 2020. Emily Stanford was appointed Safeguarding Officer and Stella Milton was appointed Safe Recruitment Officer and both help us comply with the requirements regarding Safeguarding.

They continue to keep updated on current changes and implement recommendations made by the Diocese. All volunteers working in these areas have been recruited safely and when necessary, DBS checks have been completed. All volunteers and PCC members are encouraged to complete the online training.

Emily has encouraged the church to improve safeguarding documentation and to complete incident forms.

Christ Church adopts the Diocesan safeguarding policy, and a link to the Church of England's parish safeguarding handbook, "Promoting a Safer Church," which can be found on the homepage of our website.

DATA PROTECTION

Christ Church complies with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and treats personal information responsibly. The Christ Church Data Protection Privacy Notice can be found on the homepage of our website.
We continue to use ChurchSuite as a safe and secure way of handling the data of church members.

FINANCIAL RISK
The treasurer gives up-to-date information on the church finances to the PCC on a bi-monthly basis. Reserves are deposited with the Central Board of Finance. All major assets are insured and levels reviewed annually and approved by the PCC. The PCC and Treasurer, supported by the administration staff, continued to review procedures to improve internal controls.

OBJECTIVES

OUR VISION

We are a church at the heart of Southport, with a heart for Southport.

Our desire is to play our part in giving the people of Southport a hope filled future. We want to work with others in building effective bridges between church and community: to foster relationships with people of different generations, cultures and backgrounds -whether they have some religious faith or none. Our vision is that we might impact Southport with God's unconditional love and transforming power.

We believe the church should take seriously the command of Jesus to love God, and love our neighbours. In order to be effective in this, we will focus on the following:

GROWING PEOPLE
We want to be a church that encourages everyone to grow in their faith. We will do this by: providing accessible ways to help people accept the truth of the gospel and become more like Jesus; helping people find their own unique way of serving God; and encouraging people to make a difference, especially in our town.

BUILDING COMMUNIITY
We want to be a church that serves the people of our town by meeting specific needs so that lives are transformed. We will be a church where every member is equipped to serve and has confidence to share the gospel in an attractive and relevant way.

CHANGING LIVES
We want to be a church family which is characterised by relationships that are genuine, loving and transparent; where all people feel they can belong. For the next five years we will work on developing our ministries with young people, families and people of different nationalities in order to be a better representation of our town.

SEEKING THE POWER OF GOD
Through Bible based ministry and commitment to prayer, we want to be a church that sees the supernatural power of God at work amongst us. We will be intentional about seeking healing, hearing God and equipping our members with the understanding and skills to allow them to move in the power of the Holy Spirit.

BEING RELEVANT
We want to be a church that understands the reality of life for the people of our town: their hopes, fears, ambitions and challenges. We want to be continually relevant despite a rapidly changing context. So, we will be a church that seeks to observe and reflect on the community around us. We will not be afraid of change and be willing to adapt in order that we can better serve the present generation.

ACTIVITIES, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Clergy: The Reverend Canon Steve McGanity Incumbent was assisted by the Curate, the Reverend Simon Renison (until October 2020) and SSM minister Reverend Rob Milton.

Services

Physical services - At the beginning of 2020 there were two regular morning services each Sunday, at 9.30am and 11am, until in March the Coronavirus pandemic hit and all physical church services were suspended during lockdown. From July to October, physical services resumed in the building, with Sunday services at 9am, 10am and 11am. November we were in lockdown again, until services were able to resume in December.

Online services – Since the March lockdown came into effect, the clergy initiated 'Home Church', a Sunday online service streamed live on YouTube, with great success and large numbers watching, followed by 'After Church Coffee', which is an online Zoom meeting, also greatly successful.
During the summer there was also a midweek online Bible study called 'Daily Connect', followed by a further online series called 'Deeper'.

We are grateful to those who help facilitate these services in 2020, including wardens and deputy wardens who maintained the safety of people in the building, those who served on the welcome desk at each service, the PA and audio/visual teams, and those who volunteered to clean and wipe after each service to maintain the hygiene and safety of our church. Additionally we thank those who have given their time and creativity to setting up, hosting Zoom meetings and building our online presence on YouTube and social media.

Average attendances in 2020 in the Christ Church building were lower than in previous years due to pandemic restrictions.
9am service: average 26
10am service: average 25
11am service: average 34
Online 'Home Church' service: average 261

During the year 2020 there were 2 marriages, 3 baptisms and 4 funeral services at Christ Church. In January we hosted the annual Holocaust Memorial Service. In December there was a service called 'The Longest Night', for those who have recently lost loved ones and struggle over the Christmas period.

Electoral Roll: In 2020 the number on the Electoral Roll was 160.
Those who join the Electoral Roll are encouraged to read a 'Membership Resolve' expressing commitment to Christ Church by: 'Protecting its unity, sharing responsibility, serving its ministry and supporting its witness'.

Giving and Finance: The church family at Christ Church continued to give generously in 2020. A total of £190,356, including gift aid recovered, was given during the year which included £24,558 by way of one off donations. The Church received a legacy of £2,000, a grant of £1,000 from the Diocese of Liverpool, and a grant of £6,000 from the Joshua Centre in Liverpool. In addition we received a grant of £2,644 from HM Revenue and Customs towards the cost of employees furloughed under the Job Retention Scheme. The accounts show a deficit of £12,035 on the general housekeeping account at the end of 2020. This was funded from reserves. The Church continued to meet all its financial commitments including the Parish Share (£88,591) which supports the mission of the church in the Diocese of Liverpool and mission giving of £22,164 to support the work of mission at home and overseas.

Small Groups & Missional Communities: These small groups continued to play an important part in the life and ministry of the church, and although unable to meet physically, most were able to actively join together online in Zoom meetings to maintain their strong fellowship and togetherness.

Prayer: There were regular weekly prayer meetings online, and also daily evening prayer groups meeting online for extended periods during 2020. During the summer months the church was allowed to open for Private Prayer.

Volunteering: Even though the building was closed for long periods during the year, we would like to thank those who gave their time and energy to cleaning the building, and to those people who came to manage the Welcome desk during the times we opened for Private Prayer.

Pastoral Care: A great thank you to the Pastoral Team whose work goes on behind the scenes, for helping those struggling during the Coronavirus pandemic. A 'Shop-and-Drop' team was set up, to help with shopping for those unable to get out. The Pastoral Team increased their efforts by telephone, trying to keep in touch on a regular basis with those who value their support.

Keeping in Touch: Keeping in touch in 2020 was more important than ever, and to keep the church family up to date, there is was a weekly email sent out midweek, and on-going social media to maintain and attract interest in our church life.

5000 Phone Calls: During lockdown the congregation were encouraged and challenged to make a total of 5000 phone calls, to keep in touch, to offer support, or just to chat with anyone who they felt needed a call. This total was reached successfully.

Christmas Time: In December 2020 we held a 'Longest Night' service, an online Christingle service, and a Midnight Christmas Eve service. We also held a 'Carols on the Lawns', with live music outside the building and a socially distanced outdoor congregation of approximately 200.

Asylum Seekers: During the pandemic the Scarisbrick Hotel became home to a large number of asylum seekers, from many different countries. From August to December we hosted most Wednesday mornings a drop-in time for them, to come and seek advice, to pick up warm clothes, and to participate in beginner English lessons. We thank all the volunteers for helping with this.

Christmas Parish Drop: In December we ran our 'parish drop', where we delivered a Christmas Service invitation to everyone who lives within our parish, which included an invite to our Carol service and online services.

Regular Groups: From March 2020 our regular groups of Alpha, Tuesday at Two, Midweek Music, CCS Minis, Discipleship Course and Bereavement Group all stopped due to Coronavirus. There was an online Alpha Course held in the summer time.

Cafe 1821: The café is an important aspect of the ministry at Christ Church. It opened with restrictions during the pandemic, but was closed for most of 2020. The café is a separate legal entity from the church.

Wider Church Community: Christ Church has four PCC members who attend the Deanery Synod and Rev Steve McGanity is also the Area Dean of the North Meols Deanery, and a representative on the General Synod. Steve was also appointed Priest-In-Charge of St Philips with Wesley. The clergy attend the monthly Chapter meeting which is a discussion and support group and the Ministers fraternal which has members from all denominations. Church members also attend the Tuesday morning prayer group, which rotates round to different churches. Steve McGanity also mentors local missional leaders from All Saints and St Philips with Wesley.

YOUTH, KIDS' & MINIS' WORK

Emily and team have had to adapt the delivery of the youth and children's work to being done online. This is through videos that have been posted on YouTube, regular updates and ideas for home discipleship on CCS Kids and CCS Youth Instagram, and regular Zoom meetings.

Youth: The young people continue to explore faith through bible study on a Thursday afternoon, 'All The Lads' and 'All The Girls' have continued online, and 'All The Peeps' has started (which is the equivalent of a Friday night group). The team have kept in contact through sending cards at various times during the year. The youth team are participating in the Joshua Centre Training that is being delivered by the diocese of Liverpool, which has been very beneficial for the team. The team have been incredibly dedicated throughout this difficult year and it is a privilege to work alongside them.

Kids: Emily has been working in partnership with Tabz and Hettie (SASWT and Good Sport) to provide weekly videos called Connect Kids, aimed at children aged 7-11. These have been posted on YouTube and provide great biblical teaching as well as being jam packed with fun and games. These videos have been used throughout different churches. Within the year Connect Kids has gone through the whole of Bob Hartmans Rhyming Bible, which looks at the key bible stories in the Old and New Testament. It is great to work in partnership with Tabz and Hettie and a great privilege to work alongside such talented people.

Emily has produced weekly videos for Connect Minis to help households explore foundations of faith. There was a start to doing Household Zoom activities for Kids and Minis over the holidays, which will continue in the other school holidays. Emily has kept in contact with the children through sending cards and activity sheets at various times in the year. When the church was open for public worship there were activity packs provided for any children that attended.

MISSION IN THE UK AND AROUND THE WORLD

We continue to support the following organizations and mission partners in prayer, financially and practically.

Worldwide:

A Rocha, Kenya - Colin & Roni Jackson manage conservation and education projects.
Colin's work with A Rocha Kenya continues despite the coronavirus impact. The area is recovering and the team are able to undertake their research work. Mwamba study centre is able to host visitors to the area and the provision of financial help through the ASSETS programme enables children in the area to receive secondary school education. A Rocha Kenya is also raising funds to purchase land in the Dakatcha Forest an area rich in many rare species. It is threatened with clearance for charcoal and agriculture by outside business which would destroy this ancient woodland. Poor farming methods leave the soil subject to erosion.

Church Mission Society (CMS), Maridi, South Sudan – Lynn Treneary works with CMS, her call is to encourage and strengthen people in Maridi through faith and love to live out their lives as children of God. Her role is to teach English at Chaima Christian Institute, working with the evangelist teams and the Mother's Union.
Lynn was home on leave whilst undertaking a tour of CMS supporting churches when the March lockdown forced her to stay with family in Scotland. She utilised this time searching out churches with a heart for BAME communities and those with mental health issues gaining insights into these areas. She returned in November to Maridi where Bishop Moses has increased her role to become administrative assistant and curate of the English service at the cathedral. She was delighted to perform nine baptisms earlier this year. She has since had to return to the UK for health reasons.

Latin Link, Bolivia - Julie Noble works with Prison Fellowship International in Oruro. She supports the Angel Tree Centre programme, which works with prisoners' children and families, and is part of the Restoring Hope programme which implements discipleship and restorative justice initiatives with prisoners and young offenders. Julie serves on the PRADOS drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre board.
She was due home on leave in July but because of pandemic is still working in Oruro bringing practical and spiritual relief to children and families, prisoners and refugees. Julie is grateful for help from outside the country to enable her to purchase food supplies, hygiene products and clothing for those in need. Lockdowns and curfews are common as authorities deal with spread of the disease and communication can be difficult.

Youth with a Mission (YWAM), South Africa – Sarah Beriyth is passionate to share the Good News of the Gospel to unreached people, especially using modern technology and writing training material. Her main project is producing a Sandbox which will be used to tell stories from the Bible with wooden figures. Starting with the New Testament she has produced a version for groups to teach children and adults visually the good news message. With help from others she is also producing videos which can be used as an evangelistic tool. Plans are in place to move onto the Old Testament. Christ Church has been able to sow into this exciting project with financial and prayer support.

Locally:
Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust (SASWT) – Christ Church support the work of the SASWT team who reach into local schools to bring an understanding of the love of God through drama and group work presentations.

Samaritan's Purse used Christ Church as a collection point again in 2020 for Operation Christmas Child and the shoeboxes were sent to children around the world.

Tearfund is supported by individual members of the church in different ways.

ADMINISTRATION

Church Staff: During 2020 Matthew Hyde continued his role as administrator alongside his other duties as Buildings Manager and Emily Stanford continued in her role as Children's and Youth Worker.

Due to Covid 19 we were unable to open our building for several months in 2020 during 'lockdown' and so our weekday activities could not meet. Even when lockdown was lifted it was decided that due to the restrictions imposed during the pandemic it would not be safe to start some of our day time activities. Consequently we took the decision to take advantage of the Government's Job Retention Scheme and identified our part time caretaker and part time cleaner as employees who could be furloughed for part of the year.

Our 'staff' is far wider than those who are employed by the church or who are in a leadership role. We rely on the generous service of all those who serve voluntarily, and indeed, we could not function without them.
A big thank you goes to all who use their gifts and talents at Christ Church in order to serve Jesus.

Church Buildings and Fabric: Matthew Hyde continued in his role as buildings manager, overseeing the running and maintenance of the building, assisted by our caretaker Gary Harland when he wasn't on furlough.
Following the outbreak of Covid 19 in March 2020, the Church had to function within guidelines laid down by the Government and the Diocese of Liverpool. We are very grateful to Dave Griffiths, our Church Warden, who took responsibility for writing and updating all the necessary risk assessments during the year to ensure that those who came into the building were kept safe. All the necessary sanitization equipment was put in place, the building was well signposted with socially distancing signs and a new cleaning regime was put in place so the building was 'Covid secure' and those who entered the building were kept as safe as possible. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who help with this.

The building has been kept well-maintained during 2020 and we took the opportunity to do some much needed repairs and redecoration to the fabric of the building.

At the end of 2019 we discovered that there was a serious water leak. This had resulted in abnormally high water bills. The damage was repaired in January 2020 and we received compensation from Water Plus.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2020 was a financially challenging year partly due to the effects of Covid 19. Having the Church closed for public worship for around 5 months of the year, and with not being able to hold our usual daytime activities from March onwards, has had a significant effect on the church finances both in terms of income and expenditure. This resulted in us losing income from 'cash on the plate' and a reduction in income generated from the use of the building during the year.
However we are very grateful to all those who continued to give so generously to the work and ministry of Christ Church during the year and are also grateful for the legacy of £2,000 left to Christ Church by the late Pauline Lewis. We set up contactless giving and this raised £1,000 but we only received £480 from text giving. We received a grant from the Joshua Centre to help us develop our ministry with young people and families.
One of our church members did a sponsored walk which raised £2,649 which was sent to Bolivia via one of our mission partners, to help folk out there who are struggling as a result of Covid 19. We were able to take advantage of the Government's Job Retention Scheme and claimed grant monies to help with the wage costs of two part time employees who were furloughed under the scheme.
A significant difference was seen in the expenditure on gas, electricity and water which was half what it had been the previous year. However we did have to spend £2,400 on repairing a water leak for which we received compensation, and we took the opportunity of doing some much needed repairs and redecoration to the fabric of the building.
The year-end accounts showed an overall deficit of £7,991. However the deficit on the general housekeeping account was £12,035 which was off-set by surpluses on other funds. We were able to fund this deficit from reserves. However it does indicate that without income from the use of the building or other activities, the church is not covering its day to day costs. The PCC are committed to looking at this as we move into 2021, and the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic continue to impact the church.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Before writing this I looked back at what I wrote for the last Annual Accounts and Report. It is like reading something from a different age, at that point we had no idea of what lay ahead of us. It has been a year of challenge and difficulty as we tried to find ways of being church during a global pandemic. It has been a year in which many of us have had personal struggles as we tried to deal with the restrictions of lockdown. It has also been a year in which we have experienced the grace of God and rediscovered how His grace is always sufficient. It has also been a year in which we have seen God at work, tried new things and found new ways of reaching our local community.

Before I think about the future let me first thank you.
Thank you for being consistent in your connection and engagement with CCS.
Thank you for continuing to give financially to CCS at a time of real difficulty.
Thank you for still wanting to reach the lost and the least for Jesus during this time.
Thank you for making sure we all stay connected at a time when we cannot be together.
Thank you for your gracious attitude as we tried to find new ways of being church.
Thank you for praying at a time when it is not always easy to pray.
And thank you for the personal words of encouragement that so many of you have sent to me and Andrea during this time.
Your continued faith and strength are inspirational.

Now here we are looking to the future. The government has a roadmap to take the country out of this time but the one thing we have discovered over this last year is that plans do not mean much in a pandemic! Normally, in this report I briefly outline what we will be doing in the next year. However, the future is so uncertain for all of us and for us as a church, that it is hard to do that. To be honest that excites me as we are going to have to trust in God like never before. As I write this we are working our way through a sermon series, Wilderness Wandering', looking at the stories of Israel in the wilderness and one of the exciting things about that story is the clear way in which we see God leading his people with a pillar of fire during the night and a pillar of cloud during the day. We have to believe and trust that God will continue to lead us in what will be uncertain times.

I have been saying regularly that we need to watch and pray. Watch what is happening to our society and our town and do our best to discern the changes that are certain to occur. We need to be praying about how we might best meet the new challenges and needs that are around us. In spite of all the uncertainty, there are some things that we know will happen in this next year. We will be celebrating our 200th anniversary with, at the very least, an open air celebration in the summer and a display/event telling the story of CCS over the last 200 years. We will be welcoming a new curate, Bec Hill and her family, in the summer. In this last year we have seen the importance of missional communities and we will continue to develop these as much as we can.

Signed on behalf of the PCC

Rev Steve McGanity (Chairman)



Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of Christ Church, Southport on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020, as set out on pages to of your Annual Report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The PCC are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the PCC and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the PCC concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention:

- which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

  have not been met, nor

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts can be reached.

Date: 30/3/2021

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Parochial Church Council of Christ Church, Southport

Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2(a)	176,357	25,643	-	202,000	181,119
Other trading activities	2(b)	-	2,749	-	2,749	103
Investments	2(c)	270	-	799	1,069	1,282
Charitable activities	2(d)	10,876	-	-	10,876	43,086
Total income and endowments		187,503	28,392	799	216,694	225,590
Expenditure on:						
Charitable Activities						
Grants made in furtherance of PCC's objectives	3(a)	16,500	5,664	-	22,164	19,312
Activities directly relating to work of the Church	3(b)	180,470	23,900	-	204,370	260,059
Total expenditure		196,970	29,564	-	226,534	279,371
Gains on investment assets:						
on revaluation	5(b)	-	-	1,849	1,849	4,098
Net gains(losses) on investments		-	-	1,849	1,849	4,098
Net income/(expenditure)	13	(9,467)	(1,172)	2,648	(7,991)	(49,683)
Total funds brought forward		141,361	10,891	38,766	191,018	240,701
Total funds carried forward		**131,894**	**9,719**	**41,414**	**183,027**	**191,018**

The notes on pages 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible	5(a)	14,421	7,495	-	21,916	29,800
Investment	5(b)	-	-	34,755	34,755	32,906
		14,421	7,495	34,755	56,671	62,706
CURRENT ASSETS						
Debtors	8	36,624	3,449	-	40,073	36,416
Cash at bank and in hand		87,294	-1,225	6,659	92,728	97,352
		123,918	2,224	6,659	132,801	133,768
LIABILITIES						
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(6,445)	-	-	(6,445)	(5,456)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		117,473	2,224	6,659	126,356	128,312
TOTAL NET ASSETS	7	131,894	9,719	41,414	183,027	191,018
PARISH FUNDS						
Unrestricted	10	131,894	-	-	131,894	141,361
Restricted	11	-	9,719	-	9,719	10,891
Endowment	12	-	-	41,414	41,414	38,766
		131,894	9,719	41,414	183,027	191,018

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 17th March 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev Canon Steve McGanity
Vicar

Angela Lewis
Church Warden

E. Lacey

Elizabeth Lacey
PCC Treasrer

The notes on page 14 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 together with applicable accounting standards and the SORP FRS102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value.

The financial statements include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the PCC is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of church groups that owe their main affiliation to another body, nor those that are informal gatherings of church members.

1.1 Funds

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be maintained: only income arising from investment of the endowment may be used either as restricted or unrestricted funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established.

Restricted funds represent donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the PCC for a specific object. These funds may only be expended on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the end of the year must be carried forward as a balance on that fund.

Unrestricted funds represent the general funds of the PCC that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the PCC. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the PCC are also unrestricted.

1.2 Incoming resources

Planned giving, collections and donations are recognised when received.
Income tax recoverable on Gift Aided donations is recognised when the incoming resource to which they relate is received.

Grants and legacies to the PCC are accounted for as soon as the PCC is notified of its legal entitlement, the amount due is quantifiable and its ultimate receipt by the PCC is reasonably certain.

Other income - rental income from the letting of church premises is recognised when the income is due.

All incoming resources are accounted for gross.

Dividends are accounted for when due and payable. Interest entitlements are accounted for as they accrue. Tax recoverable on such income is recognised in the same accounting year.

Gains and losses on investments - realised gains or losses are recognised when investments are sold. Unrealised gains or losses are accounted for on revaluation of investments at 31 December.

1.3 Resources expended

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid over, or when awarded, if that award creates a binding obligation on the PCC.

The Diocesan Share is accounted for when due.

All other expenditure is generally recognised when it is incurred and is accounted for gross.

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1.4 Fixed Assets

1.4.1 Consecrated land and buildings and movable church furnishings
Consecrated land and beneficed property of any kind is excluded from the accounts by s10(2)(c)of the Charities Act 2011 .

Movable church furnishings held by the Vicar and Churchwardens on special trust for the PCC, and which require a faculty for disposal are accounted for as inalienable property unless consecrated. They are listed in the Church's Inventory which can be inspected at any reasonable time.

1.4.2 Other land and buildings
At its meeting on 22nd January 2013 the PCC agreed to take out of Fixed Assets the value at cost of the original hall complex and the hall extension (£150,000). Since the redevelopment of the Church in 1995 the Hall Complex is an integral part of the Church building and therefore is not deemed to be an asset which the PCC could dispose of. The property is considered to be excluded from the accounts by virtue of Section 10(2)(c) of the Charities Act 2011.

Charitable Activities
1.4.3 Other fixtures & fittings, office equipment and Piano
Equipment and fixture and fittings used within the church complex are written down to estimated residual value by depreciation on a straightline basis over the number years set out below:

	Years
Catering equipment	10
Printers	5
Video camera, TV, computers etc.	5
Piano	10

Individual items of equipment with a purchase cost of £750 or less are written off when the asset is acquired.

1.5 Investments
Investments are valued at market value at 31 December.

1.6 Reserves

The PCC is encouraged to hold reserves to meet regular anticipated expenses for three months unrestricted expenditure which would amount to around £49,250. This figure was considerably lower in 2020 compared with previous years because of the effects of the Covid 19 pandemic.
At present the unrestricted net curent assets stand at £117,473. This is more than enough to cover our usual three months unrestricted expenditure.

1.7 Risk Management

The PCC considers the following risks may affect the continuing ministry of the church:

> Operational related to the church buildings.
> Statutory and legal relating to Protection for All, Health and Safety, and Charities Act governance.
> Financial relating to reductions in income or excessive expenditure.
> Reputation from adverse publicity.

Steps are in place to minimise these risks by specific volunteers monitoring the buildings and the statutory responsibilities. The PCC prepares an annual budget and monitors and reviews the financial performance as well as operational and statutory matters at its regular meetings.

1.8 Current Assets
Amounts owing to the PCC at 31 December in respect of fees, rent or other income are shown as debtors less any provision for amounts that may prove uncollectible.

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2 INCOMING RESOURCES

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
2(a)	**Donations and legacies**					
	Planned giving:					
	Gift Aided donations	101,979	9,829	-	111,808	108,508
	Tax recoverable	25,392	2,457	-	27,849	26,664
	Other	19,709	830	-	20,539	17,898
	Collections (loose cash)	4,464	-	-	4,464	7,576
	Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme	1,138	-	-	1,138	2,130
	Donations, appeals etc	18,031	6,527	-	24,558	16,843
	Grant	3,644	6,000	-	9,644	1,500
	Legacies	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
		176,357	25,643	-	202,000	181,119
2(b)	**Other trading activities**					
	Fund raising	-	2,749	-	2,749	103
		-	2,749	-	2,749	103
2(c)	**Investments**					
	Investment income	86	-	789	875	876
	Bank interest	184	-	10	194	406
		270	-	799	1,069	1,282
2(d)	**Charitable Activities**					
	Letting income from premises	2,420	-	-	2,420	6,081
	Wedding and Funeral Fees	604	-	-	604	1,461
	Printing etc	567	-	-	567	443
	Events and catering	527	-	-	527	1,333
	Tuesday at Two	2,137	-	-	2,137	27,104
	CCS Minis(formerly Family Day)	312	-	-	312	1,181
	Youth activities	-	-	-	-	13
	Mid Week Music	931	-	-	931	3,342
	Profit on sale of equipment	-	-	-	-	1,960
	Compensaton Water Plus	3,378	-	-	3,378	-
	Sundry income	-	-	-	-	168
		10,876	-	-	10,876	43,086
	TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	187,503	28,392	799	216,694	225,590

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
	Charitable Activities					
3(a)	Missionary and charitable giving:					
	Overseas:					
	A Rocha	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	CMS	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	Latin Link	2,500	-	-	2,500	2,500
	Bolivia(Angel Tree Project)	-	440	-	440	1,230
	Lynn Treneary	600	913	-	1,513	150
	Colin and Roni Jackson	300	-	-	300	100
	Julie Noble	300	-	-	300	600
	SA Breedt	2,800	-	-	2,800	2,600
	United Christian Broadcasting	-	79	-	79	328
	Bolivia	-	2,649	-	2,649	-
	Home Missions			-		
	Evangelical Alliance	200	-	-	200	200
	Schools Worker Trust	2,500	-	-	2,500	5,900
	Schools Worker	300	-	-	300	100
	Youth Soul Survivor	-	-	-	-	104
	St John's Crossens	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
	Southport Homeless/Disadvantaged	-	-	-	-	200
	Asylum Seekers	-	1,583	-	1,583	-
	Christians Against Poverty	-	-	-	-	100
	Southport Sonfest	-	-	-	-	200
		16,500	5,664	-	22,164	19,312

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3	RESOURCES EXPENDED	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	TOTAL 2020 £	TOTAL 2019 £
3(b)	Ministry:					
	Diocesan Parish Share	88,591	-	-	88,591	90,964
	Clergy expenses	3,401	-	-	3,401	3,240
	Clergy housing	10,687	-	-	10,687	14,192
	Youth Worker Costs	1,815	22,436	-	24,251	23,392
	Property costs:					
	Church and halls					
	Electric, gas and water	9,323	-	-	9,323	18,854
	Insurance	4,573	-	-	4,573	4,435
	Repairs renewals and cleaning	19,084	-	-	19,084	13,608
	Depreciation church equipment	6,634	1,250	-	7,884	7,880
	Upkeep of services					
	Communion wine, glasses, palm crosses, music software	255	-	-	255	488
	Equipment					
	Small items of furniture and equipment	372	-	-	372	1,938
	Books, Teaching materials,Resources	313	-	-	313	1,306
	Other property costs					
	Cafe Refurbishment					12,826
	Other activities					
	Events and catering	691	-	-	691	3,693
	First Aid training	412	139	-	551	-
	Mid Week Music	248	75	-	323	1,590
	Tuesday at Two costs	1,700	-	-	1,700	24,665
	CCS Minis	128	-	-	128	1,113
	Youth activities costs	322	-	-	322	851
	Discretionary	25	-	-	25	15
	Sundries	2,311	-	-	2,311	1,713
	Support costs					
	Salaries and Wages	20,356	-	-	20,356	19,746
	Printing, Stationery, posters, advertising etc	2,623	-	-	2,623	3,611
	Postage and telephones	2,399	-	-	2,399	1,867
	Website/Social Media	567	-	-	567	575
	Branding	-	-	-	-	3,861
	Church Suite	718	-	-	718	687
	Office equipment repairs	581	-	-	581	-
	Bank Charges	696	-	-	696	1,225
	Governance					
	Administration	520	-	-	520	600
	Independent Examination	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,050
	Generation of voluntary income					
	Cost of appeals etc	75	-	-	75	74
		180,470	23,900	-	204,370	260,059
	TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	196,970	29,564	-	226,534	279,371

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4 STAFF COSTS

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
4(a)	Wages and Salaries	26,661	23,258	49,919	46,129
	National Insurance Costs	230	295	525	-
	Pensions	601	698	1,299	1,269
		27,492	24,251	51,743	47,398

At the beginning of 2019 the PCC employed a Buildings Manager/Office Administrator who did not earn £60,000 or more.
The PCC employed a caretaker to work 14 hours a week and a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager on Saturdays
The PCC also paid for a cleaner to assist the Buildings Manager on Saturdays.
At the end of the year the employees equated to 1.5 full time equivalent.

Within unrestricted staff costs is a figure of £6,636 in respect of the caretaker and cleaning assistant. The expenditure is shown under repairs and cleaning see note 3(b) to the accounts.
Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the church building was closed and there were no day time activities for part of 2020.
These two employees were identified as suitable for being furloughed under the Government Job Retention Scheme while the building was closed for day time activities.
The Church claimed £2,644 grant towards these wage costs. This is shown within the grants figure see note 2(a) in the acounts.
However the Church did decide to top up their wages to 100% for most of the furlough period and also to honour the pay award agreed by the PCC with effect from 1st April 2020.

4(b) PAYMENTS TO PCC MEMBERS

Mrs Lovegrove is a PCC member and is employed as a cafe manager by Café 1821 Ltd Ltd (formerly Vivesco).

Mrs E Lacey is a PCC member and also acts as a Trustee of the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust.
Mrs H Taberner is employed as a schools worker by the Southport and Area Schools Worker Trust. They do not receive any personal benefit.

4(c) Café 1821 Ltd (formerly Vivesco)

Cafe1821 Ltd's trade was severley affected by the Covid 19 pandemic and the café was either closed or operating for reduced hours for much of the year. Consequently it was not able to contribute anything towards the running expenses.
The PCC are looking to put a more formal agreement in place in respect of the Cafe contributing to running expenses. Hopefully this will be in place for when the café is allowed to reopen when Covid 19 restricteions are eased in 2021.
The Cafe operates to further the Charitable objectives and mission of the Church and any profits made are gifted back to Christ Church for this purpose.

Mr M Hague ,Mrs E Lacey, Rev S McGanity, and Mrs S Milligan, continued as Directors of Café 1821 Ltd and are also PCC members. Rev S Renison was also a Director until he moved from Christ Church in September 2020. They do not receive any remuneration or financial benefit for being Directors.

4(d) OTHER PAYMENTS TO RELATED PARTIES

There were no other disclosable transactions with PCC members, persons closely connected with them or other related parties.

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5 FIXED ASSETS

5(a) *Tangible fixed assets*	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Church Equipment Unrestricted £	Church Equipment Restricted £	Total £
GROSS BOOK VALUE				
At 1 January 2020	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
Disposals in year	-	-	-	-
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	88,228	11,245	99,473
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2020	-	67,173	2,500	69,673
Charge for the year	-	6,634	1,250	7,884
Depreciation on disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	-	73,807	3,750	77,557
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2020	-	14,421	7,495	21,916
At 31 December 2019	-	21,055	8,745	29,800

Freehold land and buildings
The value of the original hall complex and extension has been taken out of Fixed Assets
See note 1.4.2

5(b) Investments - (all endowment funds)

	2020 £		2019 £	
	Historical cost	Market value	Historical Cost	Market Value
1340 shares in CBF Investment fund	14,022	27,446	14,022	25,680
1428 shares in CBF Fixed Interest Securities Fund	2,306	2,423	2,306	2,340
CBF Deposit Fund	4,886	4,886	4,886	4,886
	21,214	34,755	21,214	32,906
Increase in Market Value		1,849		

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6 CHURCH INSURANCE VALUATION

The last Quinquennial inspection was undertaken in October 2017 . The insurance valuation of the church buildings is £5,212,318 and contents £222,000.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Fixed assets for church use	14,421	7,495	-	21,916	29,800
Investment fixed assets	-	-	34,755	34,755	32,906
Current Assets	123,918	2,224	6,659	132,801	133,768
Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due in one year	(6,445)	-	-	(6,445)	(5,456)
Fund balance	131,894	9,719	41,414	183,027	191,018

8 DEBTORS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income Tax recoverable	28,743	3,449	-	32,192	30,720
Prepayments and Accrued Interest	7,671	-	-	7,671	5,447
Other Debtors	210	-	-	210	249
	36,624	3,449	-	40,073	36,416

9 LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN 1 YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Accruals and Deferred Income	(6,445)	-	-	(6,445)	(5,456)
	(6,445)	-	-	(6,445)	(5,456)

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10 UNRESTRICTED - DESIGNATED FUNDS

The closing balance of Unrestricted Funds comprised the following:

	2020 £	2019 £
General Fund	115,699	127,734
Ministry Fund	7,547	7,547
Community and Overseas Mission	6,648	6,080
Legacy Fund	2,000	-
	131,894	141,361

PCC meeting 13th November 2018 Minutes 2611.
"Any remaining money from our tithe allocation to be put in a designated account for future use in the community or overseas as the need arises." £568 added to this fund in 2020.

11 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The movements on the Restricted Funds during the year were as follows:

	1st Jan 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	31st Dec 2020 £
Youth Ministry Fund	125	22,311	22,436	-
Training Fund	139	-	139	-
* Support for Mission	1,563	6,081	5,664	1,980
Equipment	9,064	-	1,325	7,739
	10,891	28,392	29,564	9,719

* Includes support for Angel Tree Project in Bolivia.

12 ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The closing balance of the Endowment Funds comprised the following:

	2020 £	2019 £
FE Jones Missionary Account	36,095	33,635
Mary Woodcock Trust	1,298	1,292
Thomas Henry Cross Trust	525	520
Linen / Sunday School Trust - Fabric	2,810	2,636
Churchyard Trust	686	683
	41,414	38,766

The Frances Emily Jones Missionary Fund was established under a deed dated 27 October 1958 . The income is to be used for the purpose of Evangelical missions.
The Mary Woodcock Trust was established by a legacy of £1,000 on 25 May 1943. The income to be paid to the Church Missionary Society for work overseas.
The Thomas Henry Cross Trust was established on 19 August 1970. The income to be used towards the repair of the Parish Church.
The Linen and Sunday School Trusts income is to be used for upkeep of the church fabric.
The Churchyard Trust was established with a fixed capital of £500. The income to be used for the upkeep of the Church grounds.

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13 FUND DETAILS

The activities included in each of the Funds and the surplus /(deficit) for the year are as follows :

		2020 £ Surplus/(Deficit)	2019 £ Surplus/(Deficit)
Unrestricted	General account	(12,035)	(505)
	Ministry Fund	-	(33,000)
	Community and Overseas Mission	568	-
	Legacy Fund	2000	-
		(9,467)	(33,505)

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"Any remaining money from our tithe allocation to be put in a designated account for future use in the community or overseas as the need arises."
£568 charged to General Account and transferred into Community and Overseas Mission Account in 2020.

Restricted			
	Youth Ministry	(125)	(18,388)
	Training Fund	(139)	-
	Mission Giving	417	(278)
	Church Grounds Development/Cafe	-	(960)
	Creche	-	(6)
	Equipment	(1,325)	(1,450)
		(1,172)	(21,082)
Endowment	F E Jones Missionary Fund	2,460	4,503
	Mary Woodcock Trust	6	8
	Thomas Henry Cross Trust	5	3
	Linen /Sunday School Trust-Fabric	174	385
	Churchyard Trust	3	5
		2,648	4,904
Total		(7,991)	(49,683)